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King Hassan II, right, welcoming Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, left, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to Morocco on Tuesday.

Clinton's Peace Role Just Beginning

By R.W. Apple Jr. .

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WASHINGTON - As he himself said, it was not Bill Clinton's day. It was not he who had brought together the sober old soldier and the grinning guerrilla fighter in the leafy calm of the South Lawn of the White House, far from the battlefields of the Middle East, for a pacau

However deft, however sagacious, he was but the master of ceremonics. He thanked those who had labored to bring about the latest in a series of once-inconceivable changes that have remade the world in five short years. He bestowed the congratulations of the world's only SUDCIDOWCI.

And he gave Yitzhak Rabin a timely little nudge when he seemed reluctant to grasp the outstretched hand of Yasser Arafat.

Now, though, President Clinton will have to assume the central role if the momentum to-

to be lost. That is likely to be a long, messy job of diplomatic donkey work in the dark corners of history - much less gratifying than Monday's carefully scripted pageant. Israel and Jordan are moving forward. But the other Arab nations whose representatives

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watched Monday's ceremony from the front rows know that only the United States can provide the impetus needed for the next round of negotiations. Mr. Arafat spoke for them, too, when he said his people "are relying on your role, Mr. President," to "usher in an age of

So this president, who so longs to concentrate on problems at home, is thrust like so many of his predecessors into an international

the main responsibility for fostering Israeli agreements with its other neighbors while deepening the one with the Palestinians. He will perhaps take considerable heat from American Jews in the process, which he did not have to endure this time.

Neither Mr. Clinton nor any other U.S. president has ever wanted to do business with Mr. Arafat and the Palestine Liberation Organization. As Mr. Rabin, the Israeli prime minister. said in one of his many moments of eloquence

But in the end, if rebellions succeed, or even end in stalemate, the rebels win a place at the

The United States will have to do its utmost to make this accord work. That means, first and foremost, helping to persuade ordinary Israelis

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Poll in U.S. Finds 80% Approval

WASHINGTON - Americans overwhelmingly approve the Israeli-Palestinian peace pact but oppose giving U.S. economic aid to the Palestinians, according to a poll published Tuesday.

It also showed President Bill Clinton's

job approval rating was more positive than negative for the first time since early May. Forty-seven percent of respondents approved of his performance and 42 percent

On the peace pact, 80 percent favored the agreement that was signed by Israel and Palestine Liberation Organization at the White House on Monday. Twelve percent opposed and 8 percent had no opinion, according to the Cable News Net-work/USA Today newspaper/Gallup Poll. While most Americans like the agree-

ment, 65 percent opposed giving U.S. economic aid to the Palestinians while 30 percent favored such assistance. Five percent had no opinion.

Rabin, Pressing Peace Effort, Courts King Hassan in Morocco

"It is nearly certain that this will happen."

But Israeli officials said reports that Mo-

roccan-Israeli recognition would be announced during Mr. Rabin's visit, or that he also would visit Tunisia, were "nonsense," The prime minister, questioned aboard the

plane, said the visit was not intended to

Israel and Jordan Sign

A Pledge to Negotiate

RABAT, Morocco - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin conferred here Tuesday with King Hassan II as Israel pressed its peace offensive in the Arab world after reaching a break-through agreement with the Palestine Libera-

Israeli officials said the visit was intended as a step toward diplomatic relations with Morocco and a rapprochement with other

We hope and believe that it is possible to expand the network of relations between Arab countries and the Arab world," Mr. Rabin said before meeting the king for more than an hour at the royal palace near Rabat.

Expanding ties with the Arab world, which has boycotted Israel and tried to isolate it, would give Mr. Rabin a quick boost at home. His governing coalition is shaky, and skepti-cism is still widespread after Israel signed an agreement Monday with the PLO on limited Palestinian self-rule in the territories occu-

pied by Israel. In his arrival speech, Mr. Rabin did not mention the possibility that Morocco might become the second Arab nation, after Egypt,

to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, But earlier, during his flight aboard an Israeli Air Force plane from Washington to Rabat, he had said the visit "perhaps is an-

other step forward" toward such ties. The Israeli economic affairs minister, Shimon Shetreet, asked in Jerusalem by Israeli radio whether Israel and Morocco would an-

proclaim the establishment of diplomatic re-"But the fact that from Washington we are coming to Rabat and meeting with the king perhaps is another step forward in everything that is linked to establishing relations," he Hassan, who has ruled Morocco since 1961, is head of the Islamic Conference Orga-

nization's Jerusalem committee. The status of Jerusalem was not resolved in the Israeli-PLO agreement and remains a sensitive issue that could slow down the normalization of Israel's relations with Arab

Mr. Rabin said he had stopped in Morocco to pay respects to Hassan's contributions to the Middle East peace process.

"I believe that this visit was one of the many great things done by King Hassan II to advance peace between the Arab nations and peoples and Israel," Mr. Rabin said.

The Israeli leader, accompanied by For-

eign Minister Shimon Peres, was met by Prime Minister Mohammed Karim Lamrani and other cabinet officials. The Israelis received a full military welcome. After the meeting at the king's palace, the

Israeli delegation was taken to Casablanca to visit the huge Hassan II Mosque. Israeli officials said relations with Tunisia would come soon if Israel and Morocco es-

tablished ties. A snowball effect appeared to extend beyond the Arab world, with Zimbabwe reportedly announcing that it planned to establish ties with Israel.

In Jerusalem, Arych Deri, a Knesset mem-ber and leader of the Moroccan community in Israel, said Mr. Rabin would invite Hassan to Israel.

Morocco traditionally has been more conciliatory than other Arab nations in its approach to Israel.

Morocco is only the second Arab country after Egypt to receive openly an Israeli prime minister. When he was prime minister, Mr. Peres made a private but publicized visit to Morocco in 1986 and met Hassan.

Several Israeli officials have met with the king, at first secretly and in recent years

In October 1976, Mr. Rabin, in his first term as prime minister, traveled to Morocco. disguised with a mustache and thick glasses,

for a secret meeting with Hassan.

During that two-day visit, the two leaders discussed opening a channel to talk peace with Egypt, which eventually became the first Arab country to sign a peace treaty with fsracl, in 1979. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

Agenda Sets Out Range of Issues To Be Resolved

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON — Adding momentum to the reconciliation process in the Middle East. Jordan and Israel signed a document Tuesday that commits each nation to detailed negotiations aimed at a comprehensive peace treaty.

The "common agenda," signed in a hrief ceremony at the U.S. State Department, requires the two longtime enemies and neighbors to tackle a broad array of issues, including their common border, water rights, economic development, refugees and security.

Significantly, the agenda states that the goal of the forthcoming talks, which could take years to complete, is the achievement of a "just, lasting and comprehensive peace between the Arab states, the Palestinians and Israel." The agenda suggests no timetable.

According to many analysts, Jordan now has joined the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel in stepping across the same psychological chasm that has made the region a powder keg for decades.

Current and former high-ranking U.S. diplomats characterized the agenda as more than a mere list of topics but less than the lengthy Declaration of Principles signed Monday by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. They noted that Israel had reportedly agreed to withdraw from two small, disputed strips of land from which guerrillas in Jordan had launched attacks on Israelis.

A buoyant Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who jointly played host to the ceremony with a top-ranking Russian official, said the agenda "will give a strong impetus, a strong momentum" to all the talks under way between Israel and its Arab rivals.

The ceremony Monday, be said, had "forever altered the contours and chemistry of the entire

Assistant Secretary of State Edward P. Djer-ejian said the Jordanian-Israeli document was uniquely specific about the issues to be discussed. They include, for example, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, sharing water in the Jordan River basin, environmental improvements, tourism and setting out a new international boundary along their 400 miles (650 kilometers) of common border.

"I wouldn't sell this agreement between Jordan and Israel too short," former Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d said. Israeli withdrawal from the strips of land sets "a good precedent," he said.

Befitting the new day in Israeli-Arab relations, Israel's chief negotiator in the Jordanian talks spoke in unusually warm tones of Jordan's

King Hussein and of the kingdom's negotiating "We have great respect for Jordan, for his majesty, the king, and the government's efforts towards democratization," said the Israeli,

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More Bad News for Japan's Economy

By Steven Brull

TOKYO - Casting fresh doubt on the Japanese economy's prospects for quick recovery. the government reported Tuesday that the nation's economy shrank at a 2.0 percent annual rate in the second quarter of this year.

The report of the contraction in the gross national product, the broadest measure of a nation's output of goods and services, coincided with an announcement that Japan's trade surplus expanded 7.5 percent in August to \$7.54 billion.

The numbers added to a string of indicators in recent weeks that portray an economy slip-ping into lower gear, increasingly at risk of the wrath of trading partners and further appreciation of the yen. They also underscore the power of deflationary pressures weighing down the economy after the speculative excesses of the

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Airbus Lands Badly

In Warsaw, 42 Hurt

WARSAW (AP) - A Luftbansa Airbus

A-320 jetliner carrying 70 people ran off a

runway, broke in two and caught fire trying to land in the rain at the international

airport here Tuesday. More than 42 people

Initial reports indicated there were no

fatalities, but Lufthansa officials said later

that two people - one of the two pilots and a German passenger — were unac-counted for. The flight had taken off from

were injured.

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1980s, and raise suspicions about whether a long-awaited pump-priming package due on Thursday can do more than prevent a more pronounced decline.

"It's hard to put these numbers in a positive light," Peter Morgan, senior economist at Merrill Lynch in Japan, told Bloomberg Business News. "With GNP contracting and the trade surplus rising, everything's going the wrong

The economic stimulation program, expected to boast a headline figure of up to 6 trillion yen (\$56.6 billion), will earmark funds for public works spending and low-interest loans to belp home buyers and small companies. The spending will be coupled with plans to deregulate the economy, promote imports and pass on the benefits of the strong yen to consumers. Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who will hold his first summit meeting with President Bill Clinton later this month, will point to the program

as strong medicine to revive the languid Japa-

Private-sector economists, however, say the real impact of the program will be a fraction of the advertised figure, perhaps as little as 1

The package will provide a safety net and probably prevent a deeper slide, but it's mostly just announcement effect," said Mineko Sa-saki-Smith, chief economist in Tokyo for Morgan Stanley & Co. "It won't be sufficient to convince the Americans that things will

Doubts about the forthcoming program are widespread. This is in part because spending packages over the past 13 months, which pumped a purported 23.9 trillion yen into the economy, have failed to offset the strong deflationary pressures set off by the bursting of

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Paris Vows to Block Trade Talks If It Can't Limit Film Imports

Campiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches PARIS - France opened a second front in

its offensive against efforts to bberalize world trade on Tuesday, threatening to veto a GATT agreement if it removed France's barriers to American films and television soap operas. Culture Minister Jacques Toubon was

ports of American films and television pro-The French rules are intended to promote European culture and the film industry by restricting viewing of cheap television series imported mainly from the United States. France had already threatened to veto a U.S.-European Community farm trade accord that is aimed at unblocking the long trade negotiations

quoted as saying that France would refuse to

sign any accord that dismentled limits on im-

under the anspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"GATT rules are not compatible with an autonomous cultural system." Mr. Toubon

Europe imports \$3.8 billion worth of audiovisual products every year, largely from the United States, and exports only \$250 million Meanwhile, the foreign minister of Belgium,

Willy Claes, said Tuesday that no progress had been made in ending the dispute over the agricultural accord, known as Blair House, after talks in Washington.

"The situation is not at all easy," said Mr. Claes, whose country now holds the EC presi-See GATT, Page 12

SUPPORT FOR CLINTON — Three former American presidents — from left, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush joining Bill Clinton at the White House on Tuesday to lend their support to the North American Free Trade Agreement. Page 3.

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Germany's economy shrank in the first half, but its trade surplus grew. Page 11. Spain and the EC ended a steel subsidies Page 13.

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9th Tourist Is Killed in Florida

MONTICELLO, Florida - Robbers attacked a British couple at a highway rest area near here Tuesday, killing the man and wounding his companion, authorities said.

It was the second fatal attack on foreigners in Florida in a week and the ninth in a year. The victims, in an unmarked rental car, apparently were chosen at random.

The state offered a \$10,000 reward for

information in the case. The dead man was identified as Gary Colley, 34, of Wilsden, England. His companion was identified as Margaret Ann Jagger, 35, of the same town. She was released after hospital treatment. The two were attacked at a rest stop on

Interstate 10, in northern Florida. They were resting in their car when two youths approached and asked for money. "They woke up and tried to back out," a police spokesman said. "That's when they were shot."

Ants Make Fast Food of Amazon Town

By Don Podesta Washington Post Service

ENVIRA, Brazil — They're red and tiny and they attack vegetables, animals and people. They've killed chickens, ducks, even turtles. And they're driving this town deep in the Ama-

zon jungle to the point of despair. Fire ants believed to be of the species Solenopsis saevissima, whose Latin name roughly means "fierce ants," are eating up Envira, a tropical town of barefoot children and wooden houses on stilts on the banks of an Amazon River tributary. Just about everyone in town has been bitten, and several youngsters have been hospitalized with ant stings, which can be

The siege began more than three years ago and has been growing steadily worse. "Almost every family has bad children attacked," said

tried everything they could think of to get rid of the ants - boiling water, pesticides, gasoline, diesel fuel, fire. Nothing worked for very long. The ants continued to multiply, dotting the town with thousands of anthills.

Finally, earlier this year, the mayor asked the Brazilian government for help from outside, and the government turned to the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia. Last week, a three-man team from the U.S. Department of Agriculture arrived in Envira to study the ants and show residents how to spread a donated nontoxic

chemical called Logic, supplied by the Swiss manufacturer Ciba-Geigy.

The ants can cause sung victims to go into anaphylactic shock, which is sometimes deadly. People in the United States have died from one sting," a U.S. entymologist, David Williams, said. As he stirred an ant colony with a

stick to force them out, he was stung three times. "These ants are extremely quick," Mr. Williams said.

The ant toxin contains a small amount of protein, and "anytime a body is hit with a foreign protein, it reacts with a massive release of histamines," he said. The reaction can cause the victim's lungs to fill up and "you drown in your own fluids." Unlike honeybees, ants can sting bundreds of times.

While no one in Envira has died from the ant stings, living with the invaders is proving increasingly unbearable for local residents.

"Some nights you can't even sleep," said Mara de Lima, 17. Her cousin, Mariud de Lima, 18, said that she gets stung "every day, at any bour" and that "it hurts a lot." Youngsters in the street dis-

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Washington Post Service
BELJING — China on Tuesday

released its most prominent politi-cal prisoner. Wei Jingsheng, who had served more than 14 years in prison, in an apparent attempt to bolster Beijing's chances of staging the 2000 Olympic Games.

An electrician who became famous for his eloquent appeals for democracy, Mr. Wei has become the foremost symbol of the bumanrights struggle in China. He had edited a magazine that attacked Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, and was imprisoned in 1979 for "counterrevolutionary crimes."

Mr. Wei, 43, described by the authorities as unrepentant, was held for long periods in solitary confinement. His release has long been sought by buman-rights groups and Western governments, including the United States.

He was freed on parole from a prison labor camp about 160 kilo-meters (100 miles) east of Beijing. His 15-year sentence had been due to expire in about six months. The official Xinhua press agency

said Mr. Wei was released Tuesday because he had "observed jail rules" during his imprisonment. But there is no doubt among analysts in Beijing that his release was aimed at improving China's bu-man-rights image abroad before the International Olympic Comminee selects the host city for the 2000 Summer Games. The committee is to announce its decision in Monte Carlo on Sept. 23.

Beijing desperately wants to stage the Olympics, both to erase the blot on its image left by the craekdown on democracy demonstrators in 1989 and to affirm that China has arrived in the modern world

"If Wei had been released a year ago, they could have earned some human-rights credit," said Robin Munro, a research with the rights group Asia Watch in Hong Kong.

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"But this is purely derived to get the right sort of headlines before the IOC decision."

China released several other prominent dissidents earlier this year and bas allowed others to leave the country.

Mr. Wei's whereabouts and bealth were not immediately known. Xinhua said the prison had given him a "send-off lunch and sent him away in a car." It quoted Mr. Wei as telling prison workers he felt "very happy and healthy" after he was informed of his re-lease. Videotape of his release provided by state-run television to foreign news organizations showed Mr. Wei, looking relatively healthy and heavy.

Mr. Wei, an electrician at the Beijing Zoo, came to prominence during the Democracy Wall Move-ment of 1978-1979, the first expression of political dissent after the turbulent Cultural Revolution. On a stretch of wall in central Beijing that no longer exists, citi-

zens aired complaints by putting up wall posters and political tracts. Mr. Wei edited a magazine, Explorations, and wrote articles calling for political freedoms.

During his trial in October 1979 he was charged with providing mil-itary secrets — information about casualties in the Chinese-Vietnamese war - to a foreigner. But many analysts believe that his ultimate heresy was to personally attack Mr. Deng as "a new autocrat."

Until last year, Chinese authorities had refused to release any information about Mr. Wei. There were reports that he had become mentally disturbed, lost his hair and lost his teeth. But then the authorities disclosed that he was living at a prison farm and was

In March, the authorities made available to foreign journalists a videotape of Mr. Wei "touring" the northeastern industrial city of Tangshan in January.

Emergency Rule

Voted in Georgia TBILISI, Georgia - Lawmakers on Tuesday approved a two-month state of emergency in this former Soviet republic after the Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevardnadze,

With more than 10,000 Shevardnadze supporters — many armed - massed outside the parliament building, deputies approved a measure imposing emergency rule starting Monday. They planned to meet again Wednesday.

angrily threatened to resign.

The action partly met two condi-tions Mr. Shevardnadze had set as conditions for withdrawing his resignation. The other was that the parliament dissolve for three months. "I cannot live in a country nadze told the cheering crowd.

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A Vietnamese vendor walking past the Hanoi office of a familiar American company. U.S. trade embargo was eased, but maintained.

U.S. Relaxes, but Keeps, Hanoi Embargo

HANOI - Vietnam expressed disappointment Tuesday over President Bill Clinton's decision to loosen rather than end Washington's 18-year-old economic embargo against it, and it said U.S. business would be the loser.

Mr. Clinton relaxed sanctions Monday to allow U.S. companies to bid on Vietnamese projects financed by international lenders such as the World Bank. He left other restrictions in place, "to make

clear to the Vietnamese that more needs to be done" to help account for Americans still missing from the Victnam War, Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary, said.

The embargo was originally imposed in 1975, after the Communist North defeated the South

and unified the country. Similar measures are maintained against North Korea and Cuba. In an official statement, Ho The Lan, spokes-woman for Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Af-fairs, welcomed the relaxation but added that it

was "regrettable" that the United States was continuing the embargo policy.

While the statement described the embargo as a violation of Vietnam's "right to develop," it said American policy did not hinder Vietnam's

strategy of economic renovation or its widening international relations. "It only ties up the American business cir-cles, depriving them of a chance for equal competition in Vietnam," it said. Vietnamese officials had been hoping for a

complete end to the embargo, saying they have cooperated fully in helping to resolve the cases of 2.248 missing American servicemen. Greig Craft, an American consultant in Vietnam for Motorola and Occidental Petroleum, said he was dismayed by the partial lifting.
"It will only accelerate Vietnam's movement

toward other countries and companies and will obviously mean lost opportunities for us," he

Mr. Craft predicted that tens of millions of dollars' worth of signed business contracts would disappear because the embargo would still prohibit U.S. companies in many industries

from fulfilling their commitments.

James Rockwell, a Hanoi-based consultant for Chrysler Corp. and other U.S. companies. said he would have preferred a total end to sanctions, but he added that Mr. Clinton's decision went a long way toward ending the

"I'm very encouraged," he said. "American companies can genninely set up operations."

The Hanoi spokeswoman said Vietnam would continue to help resolve the cases of missing Americans, and the commander of the U.S. MIA office in Hanoi, Lieutenant Colonel John Cray, commended the Vietnamese for their recent assistance.

■ Third U.S. Modification

This is the third time in less than a year that a U.S. president has modified the sanctions against Vietnam in a compromise that attempts to reward Hanoi for its belp on the MIA issue while keeping up the pressure to do more, The Washington Post reported from Washington. President George Bush, just before leaving office, allowed U.S. firms to open offices in

Vietnam and sign contracts to do business there once the embargo was lifted. In July, Mr. Clinton withdrew U.S. opposition to a French-Japanese loan that would allow Victoum to pay off its overdue debt to the International Monetary Fund and thus become eligible for loans from the World Bank. Those steps were criticized by some family groups, veterans organizations and members of Congress who believe that Vietnam is hiding secrets about the servicemen still listed as missing. But they were also criticized as insufficient by business groups seeking the right to partici-pate in the fast-growing Vietnamese market.

The emotionally charged issue of the MIAs is the last remaining obstacle to peace and normal relations between the United States and Victnam. It is particularly sensitive for Mr. Clinton because of his record of opposition to the war and avoidance of military service as a young

A White House statement Monday said the Clinton administration "will leave no stone unturned in the effort to determine the fate of those who served our nation" in its longest war.

Pentagon officials have said repeatedly that the number of missing whose fate is truly in doubt is less than 100. The United States is

spending more than \$100 million a year to search plane crash sites, interview Vietnamese villagers and war veterans and study Vietnamese archives in an effort to find out what hap-The White House statement repeated Mr. Clinton's demand for additional progress in four areas before lifting the embargo fully: "concrete results" from the search for remains:

assistance in obtaining the cooperation of Laos; fuller access to Hanoi's records, and resolution of 80 remaining "discrepancy cases" of Americans who were last known to be alive. The National League of Families of Ameri-

can Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia condemned Mr. Clinton's action, saying he had been "deceived by the bureaucracy" into reporting progress when there was none.

WORLD BRIEFS

Cuba's Bishops Urge Political Change

HAVANA (Reuters) — Cuba's Roman Catholic bishops urged the
Communist government Tuesday to lift its monopoly of political power
and start a national dialogue to save the island from economic and social
collanses

"Cuba is in need," the country's 11 bishops said in a message. "Things are not going well. There is discontent, uncertainty and desperation

among the population." The bishops strongly criticized the single-party rule of the Communist Party led by President Fidel Castro. They attacked the "exclusive and omnipresent" ideology, limitations on freedom, the "excessive control" of the state security services, the high number of prisoners and lack of political and religious tolerance.

Haiti Prosecutor Quits After Threats

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NYT) — The investigator into a spate of killings that diplomats believe are linked to the Haitian police has resigned after receiving death threats. Prime Minister Robert Malval said resigned after receiving death threats. Prime Ministers who took office less than two weeks ago have also been the target of death threats.

Wilson Ciceron, the prosecutor, resigned Monday, taking with him a list of those suspected of involvement in the deaths of five pro-democracy area week ago. "He resigned and he must have swallowed his list."

activists a week ago. "He resigned and he must have swallowed his list, because we never got it," Mr. Malval said. "I don't blame him." He was "a small fish in a sea of sharks." he added.

The resignation underscores the problems that lie ahead for Mr. Malval as he attempts to lay the groundwork for the restoration of Haiti's ousted president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Under a UN-mediated accord, Father Aristide, the priest toppled in a bloody coup almost two years ago, is to return to Haiti on Oct. 30.

Yeltsin Is Warned Against Fall Vote

MOSCOW (Reuters) - President Boris N. Yeltsin's advisers told him Tuesday that his hope of ending a power struggle with Russia's legislature by calling parliamentary elections this autumn was unrealistic for technical reasons, a senior aide said.

Georgi Satarov, a member of the presidential council, which met Tuesday, said that many in the council suggested "the most realistic date for elections is the spring."

UN Gets Reinforcements in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AFP) — Indian troops began arriving in Somalia's embattled capital on Tuesday to reinforce United Nations peacekeepers, a day after three American soldiers were wounded in fierce clashes with Somali guamen.

The Indian contingent, to number more than 4,900 when it reaches full strength by the end of the month, will be the second-biggest force in the UN operation here, after the 5,050-member contingent from Pakistan. The Indian commander, Brigadier Monu Bhagat, said his troops would have no trouble getting along with the Pakistanis because they were all serving under the UN flag. The two nations have fought three wars.

For the Record

Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, beat his challenger. Nigel Short, on Tuesday in the fourth game of their world championship match in London. Mr. Kasparov, a Russian, now leads his English rival in the 24-game series by 3½ to ½. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Farmers Ready for Blockade of Paris

PARIS (AP) - Farmers around France began mobilizing Tuesday for a planned blockade of Paris aimed at forcing the government to veto an agricultural accord between Europe and the United States.

Farmers planned to block major roads and railroad tracks in a radius of 30 to 40 kilometers (20 to 25 miles) around the capital. The operation was to start at 3 A.M. Wednesday, and organizers hoped it would continue for several days. A similar blockade of Paris was tried a year ago, but the police dismantled it in less than 24 hours.

Scalink plans to run a fifth ferry between Dover, England, and Calais, France, beginning in May 1994, timed to coincide with the inauguration of the English Channel rail tunnel. Scalink said the new ferry would raise its service to one departure every 45 minutes at peak periods. P&O recently began operating a lifth ferry on the route.

which has a reputation for murderers and bandits," Mr. Shevard- ANTS: Amazon Town Is Besieged

played bundreds of itchy sting said. marks on their legs. The stings drown." leave pustules that can become infected if they are scratched, and almost everyone scratches them.

he bad to give up farming his vege-table patch after the ants invaded Hailed as the best indian restaurant in France by the leading guides fair conditioned). 14, the Doughins. T.: 43.26.44.91. it. "I threw gasoline all around, and then there were more," he said. Even the hospital has been at-tacked. The legs of the beds rest in cans of water to keep the ants from cities of the South-West, Confit de d & consoder ou confit de conard. Air tonad. Open everyday until midnight, a St. Dominique, Tel.; (1) 47.05.49.75, maildes Teminal. scurrying up to the patients.

Some residents would like to just give up and leave town, but Envira is so isolated that this option is not open to many of them. There are no roads leading through the jungle to the town, and in any case it has no cars. The only motorized vehicles, aside from a few motorbikes, are two trucks and three tractors. The state capital, Manans, more than 1,200 kilometers (700 miles) to the northeast, is a 25-day riverboat trip away. The only other way to get in or out is by light plane, which the poor farmers cannot afford.

The heavy rains that pound this area of the Amazon nine months of the year exacerbate the problem.



"Other ants drown," Mr. Williams "These rascals will never

He said when the floods come. the ants allow their colony to float. turning it upside down and into a Farmers go to their fields with kind of boat to protect the queen, their feet and legs wrapped in plas-tie. Raimundo Monteiro, 76, said this usually means one of the houses on stilts. The ants then abandou ship and take over the

> Soybean oil is used for bait in the insecticide, and the worker ants then carry it to the colony to feed to others and the queen. It is actually a growth regulator, which attacks the colony's reproductive system.

"The key to the whole thing is gesting to the queen or queens," Mr. Williams said. The growth regulator prevents the queen from lay-ing viable eggs, he said. "If she gets no new workers, she can't survive and she dies."
But, be acknowledges, this will

not solve Envira's ant problem in the long run. The ants mate in flight and, borne by the winds, can find new queens and return after a few months. At best, all the U.S. team will be

able to do is provide some relief for about nine months. After that, the townspeople of Envira will need another infusion of Logic, which costs \$14,000 a ton. They cannot afford it, said Mayor Castro, who hopes his town will get at least one more donated shipment.

If they do not rid themselves of the ants, Mr. Castro said, he fears the citizens of Envira will look for a way to leave. "Many people are saying they will sell their things and go," he said. "They are discouraged. Your children can't go out and play. You can't grow chickens. My son had ants in his ears."



Walter Mondale, the new U.S. envoy, arriving Tuesday in Tokyo.

Japanese Give Mondale A 'Big Cheese' Welcome

By T. R. Reid

Washington Post Service TOKYO - The new U.S. ambassador to Japan, former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, arrived Tuesday to take up his diplomatic duties and was met by a horde of journalists as big as those normally awaiting rock stars and

Any ambassador from the United States, which is Japan's biggest export market and chief ally, is important here. But Mr. Mondale got a particularly strong welcome because of his stature in the American political world. Japanese news organizations all have agreed that the new ambassador is an Ohmono, which literally means "large object" but is used as Americans might use the phrases big wheel or

Mr. Mondale, 65, possesses everything Japan wanted in a U.S. ambassador: political influence, personal access to President Bill Clinton and a genuine appreciation for Japanese culture and traditions. For the Japanese, these attributes put Mr. Mondale on par with the much-admired Mike Mansfield, another Democratic Party leader who served here for 12 years.

Moreover, it has been widely reported here that Mr. Mondale sought the Tokyo post after turning down offers to be ambassador to Russia or Britain. To the Japanese. still surprisingly diffident about their country's stature as a world economic power, Mr. Mondale's preference is seen as high praise.
At the airport on Tuesday, Mr. paign.

Mondale spoke briefly to the crowd of reporters waiting for him and his wife, Joan. Japan, he said, was a "wonderful country" with a "marvelous culture and history.

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"We know we will love our stay here," be added.

Like his recent predecessors, Mr. Mondale will be dealing with a nation that is a close U.S. ally in political and military matters, but is increasingly seen as a major eco-nomic rival by the American pub-lic. Japan's \$50 billion-a-year trade surplus with the United States represents well over half of the overall U.S. trade imbalance, and the Clinton administration has been struggling to deal with the problem.

U.S. officials have said that their position for the next few months, at least, will be to step back and give Japan's new coalition governme some time to deal with the trade problem. Mr. Mondale eschewed any discussion of specifics about trade matters. Prime Minister Morihiro Ho-

sokawa, in office just a month, has promised to reduce Japan's trade surplus with the United States and other developed countries. He has not set forth specific policies for doing so. With the Japanese econo-my ailing, there does not seem to be much Mr. Hosokawa can do in the near future to reduce the trade sur-

Mr. Mondale visited Japan as vice president, and be has made several trips as an attorney since his defeat in the 1984 presidential cam-

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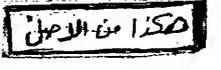
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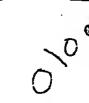
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WASHINGTON - Ensuarled in presidential election politics last year, a major crime bill died as Republicans and Democrats relused to compromise on difficult issues like capital punishment, death-row appeals and gun control.

White House and Congress, many hoped schools. the impasse would break

"It's time we put aside the divisions of aparty and philosopby." President Bill Clinton pleaded last month during a ceremony in which he announced his commitment to push for the same crime bill that failed just last year.

But proponents of the measure, in the Senate and the House alike, are expressing deep reservations about its prospects, saying the complex issues that sank the bill last year remain a source of friction, even though Republicans and Democrats agree on many essentials.

handguns or expanding the number of of-fenses punishable by death tend to over-

put tens of thousands more police officers on crime and criminal justice.
on the streets, offer college scholarships to

"And the death penalty and This year was supposed to be different.
With Democrats controlling both the violence and provide metal detectors to

> to improve its chances, others are not certain that can happen.

Senate Judiciary Committee. He called the bill's chances no better execution of innocent people.

whelm the widespread support for the rest but repels many conservatives," said Representative Charles E. Schumer, a Brook-Its other provisions would, for instance, lyn Democrat who heads the subcommittee

> "And the death penalty and babeas corpus have the converse affect."

Most Democratic leaders, for instance, would like the bill to ban sales of assault weapons, a proposal that Republicans and While some lawmakers advocate strip-some conservative Democrats say would ping the disputed provisions from the bill conflict with the Second Amendment's

Republicans insist on a provision to lim-"It will take a fairly tricky strategy to it death-row inmates to a single habeas pass this," said Senator Joseph R. Biden corpus appeal that would have to be filed Ir. Democrat of Delaware, who heads the within six months of conviction, a proposal that most Democrats fear could lead to the

Such deep philosophical divisions defy Prospects in the House, where the number of members with ideologically hard-ened positions is greater than in the Senate, may be even dimmer as sponsors prepare

Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas, a leading conservative on the crime issue, insists that the bill must include more mandatory minimum sentences for offenses like selling drugs to minors, no mat-

liberal lawmakers oppose that tack, arguing that mandatory sentences are unfair and counterproductive.

Several Southern Democrats in the Senate, particularly J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and Richard C. Shelby of Alabama, will also fight gun-control provi-sions that their liberal counterparts insist

wards, Democrat of California, who heads the subcommittee on civil and constituscience on civil liberties issues, can be expected to sway dozens of liberals against the legislation if he believes that it im-

Representative Jack Brooks of Texas, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, ardently opposes the strict gun control that liberals insist upon before they will agree to expand the federal offenses punishable by death.

Attorney General Janet Reno and many

The divisions among Democrats will require the president to knock some heads, several Democratic lawmakers say.

> So far, the Justice Department has helped members of the congressional staff draft the measure, but Mr. Clinton has left it up to Mr. Biden and Mr. Brooks to lead the effort. But the two chairmen are divided over tactics.

While the White House has been expect-In the House, Representative Don Ed- ed to work hard for the crime package, one major advocate, Senator Orrin G. Hatch of Utah, the ranking Republican on the Juditional rights and who is his chamber's con-science on civil liberties issues, can be ex-seen an ounce of administration effort. 1 don't think they have picked up the phone

U.S. Seems to Back Old Policy of a Ban

By Stephen Labaton New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration, using legal arguments that Bill Clinton the candidate had sharply criticized, has ap-peared in court to defend the old policy that banned homosexuals from the military.

But the federal appeals court in Washington that is reviewing the policy has expressed deep skepti-cism of the administration's posi-

The case concerns a midshipman, Joseph C. Steffan, who was forced to resign from the Naval Academy in Annapolis under the old regulations after he told another midshipman that he was a homo-

But because a decision could have significant ramifications for the Pentagon's new regulations, which take effect Oct. 1, the Clinton administration has been recycling the arguments made by the Bush administration to defend the exclusion of homosexuals from the armed services.

At issue is whether a member of the armed services can be punished for simply saying he is homosexual.

The new regulations strike a

compromise between President Bill Clinton's promise to remove the ban entirely and the sentiments of military leaders and Congress to keep it in place.

The compromise permits homo-sexuals to serve in the military so long as they remain silent about their sexual orientation except in the most private of settings, and do

not engage in bomosexual acts.
The administration argued Monday that both the old and the oew regulations are constitutional. But the judges were clearly troubled by the government's argument for re-strictions that prohibit gay soldiers and sailors from even talking about their sexual orientation or from engaging in whatever sexual practices they wanted off-base.

that there was a rational basis for such restrictions - under the old or the new rule - that could withstand constitutional scrutiny.

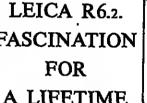
And while acknowledging that the military could impose more limitations on individual liberties than the government could on civilians, they pointed to inconsisten-cies in the new and old regulations that they found troublesome.

In his senior year at Annapolis, Mr. Steffan was one of the 10 highest-ranking midshipmen. After he told another midshipman and a chaplain at the academy that he was homosexual, an investigation was begun. Confronted by a disciplinary board, Mr. Steffan ac-knowledged that he was homosex-

The board then changed the evaluation for his military performance from "A" to "F" and recommended that he he discharged. He ultimately resigned and has failed to win reinstatement.

The three judges who heard the appeal are the only Democraticappointed members of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of

Their ruling is not likely to be the last word on the subject. If the government loses, it will probably take the case to the full appeals court and possibly to the Supreme





The judges seemed unconvinced



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For Both Camps, Health-Care Bill Has 2 Sides

WASHINGTON - For U.S. bealth-care policymakers in Washington, the insurance industry intends to run this message in newspapers over the weekend: "Surprise!" it proclaims, announcing that the insurance industry supports a dozen elements in the Clinton plan

and only opposes three.

But for people outside Washington, the message from the industry in television ads is different: "Things are going to change, and not all for the better," an announcer intones after a couple, poring over a stack of bills, lament the changes in their coverage under the plan.
Therein lies the paradox: Unlike with most major bills that come before Congress - one interest group is happy, another is unhappy the health-care proposal that has been circulating in recent days.

appears to be making everyone both happy and unhappy. And, as the ads from the Health Insurance Association of America suggest, they are somewhat befuddled about how best to respond. "There's never been a process like this one on a major piece of legislation," Charles N. Kahn 3d, executive vice president of the iosurance group, said Monday. "No one really knows yet what the rules are. That's wby we're doing ads that argue both what we're for and what we're against. We want to let the policymakers know we're willing to work with them - but we still want to raise some doubts with the general public,"

In 'Reinventing' Mood, Clinton Merges Panels

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has consolidated two boards under his authority that deal with intelligence activities.

Carrying out a recommendation from Vice President Al Gore's

report on "reinventing government," Mr. Clinton abolished on Monday the President's Intelligence Oversight Board as an independent body and made it a standing committee of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The oversight board bad provided the president with an independent mechanism to oversee the lawfulness of intelligence activities. The action eliminates a board while retaining its function. The oversight committee will consist of four members from the reconstituted foreign intelligence board.

Quote/Unquote

Senator Bob Kerrey, Democrat of Nebraska, on making spending cuts, "I think Republicans and Democrats in impressive numbers will fall away when you get to the specifics."

Away From Politics

• The trial of four of the seven men charged in the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City began Tuesday with

• Lax track maintenance and inspections caused an Amtrak crash two years ago in South Carolina that killed eight passengers, the National Transportation Safety Board said.

• Two of the nation's largest blood testing laboratories agreed to pay the federal government \$39.8 million to settle charges that they submitted false Medicare claims for unnecessary blood tests. Met-

path and Metwest, which are divisions of Corning Lab Services Inc., admitted no wrongdoing in settling the case.

• A U.S. judge threw out a \$250 million lawsuit filed by Washington apple growers against CBS-TV, ruling they had failed to prove that a "60 Minutes" report linking the chemical Alar to cancer was false. The growers contended that the 1989 broadcast triggered a consumer rapple and case them an estimated \$130 million.

AP. NYT. panic and cost them an estimated \$130 million.



BALLPARK FIGURES IN BALTIMORE — More than 4,500 immigrants from 141 countries received American citizenship in a ceremony at the Camden Yards baseball stadium in Baltimore. It was the largest such naturalization ceremony in Maryland history.

TOPICS

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Nevada to Shut Courts a Day To Study Domestic Violence

The Nevada Supreme Court has ordered all courts in the state to close for one day next month for a seminar on domestic violence, the Los Angeles Times reports. All of the approximately 150 judges in Nevada, from the chief justice to juvenile court referees, will be required to attend the eight-hour session. Nevada is the first state to hold such a mandatory seminar.

Justice Robert E. Rose banded down the order, which will cost \$28,000 in judicial salaries and expenses. Judge Rose said some of his colleagues have objected: "They feel it should be voluntary, and that they have an adequate handle on family violence. I have said to them that it's a major problem in society and the courts, to attend the seminar and keep an open mind."

The National Clearing House on Domestic Violence says battering is the most frequent

automobile accidents and muggings com-

cause of injury to women - more than rape.

Short Takes

Treatment within the first 70 minutes of a heart attack is vital, and victims should be rushed to a hospital or treated by a paramedic before that time runs out, according to a University of Washington study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. But the study found that "the vast home during that time. "Treatment within 70 minutes of symptom onset," the report said, "minimized the infaret [heart attack] process and its complications."

Branching out from stealing car radios and tape decks, thieves are increasingly targeting a gadget that most motorists are oot even aware exists: the car's computer, also called the engine control module. The New York Times reports. The computers, about as big and as heavy as car radios, have been used in new cars since the early 1980s to control vital functions such as ignition, electronic fuel injection and exhaust emission. Unlike radios and stereo sets, computers are not universally compatible; though they cost \$200 to \$300 each, they seldom bring the thicf more than \$40 or \$50. Even so, experts say car computer theft is spreading.

les suburbs before be goes coast-to-coast with "The Tonight Show." Hollywood and New York, he says, "are sarcastic places," where people laugh at cruel jokes, he told the Los Angeles Times. But "when you get away from those cities and you get out a bit more to where real people are, they might laugh and think it's real funny, or they might go OOOOOOOhhh. It's just a little more sense of fair play the farther away you get from urban centers.

Jay Leno, the TV talk-show host, tests his

material at a small nightclub in the Los Ange-

John H. Hutchinson of Los Angeles wrote to the all-news radio station KNX on a couple of occasions to object to its slogan, "All the oews you need to know," pointing out that be needed to know many other things the station did oot report. The station kept the slogan anyway. Eventually Mr. Hutchinson moved back to his native Wales, where be died at the age of 96. And there, his grandson reports, he bad his tombstone engraved this

John Henry Hutchinson 1897-1993 All the News You Need to Know

Arthur Higbee

Clinton and 3 Allies Pitch Trade Accord

WASHINGTON — Flanked by three predecessors, President Bill Clinton signed two side agreements to the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement on Tuesday and began a high-profile campaign to promote the accord. We all recognize the important stakes for our nation to this issue."

Mr. Clinton said at a ceremony marking his signing of the important side agreements to the accord, which would link the Uoited States, Canada and Mexico. Former presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford lent their support. The pact would create the

world's largest free trade zone. stretching from the Yukon to the Yucatan, joining the three nations into an economic unit of 360 mil-The side agreements would es-

tablish three-nation commissions to oversee enforcement of each country's environmental and labor laws. A country found to be persistently failing to enforce its laws could face penalties.

The main trade agreement would climinate tanffs and other barriers to the movement of goods, services and investment among the three nations over a 15-year period. Congress must approve the agreement, and the White House, hoping to

build support for the pact over time, will not submit the necessary legislation until later this fall.
'It's a good deal, and we ought to take it," Mr. Clinton said.

Opponents of the accord say the pact would make it easier for U.S. companies to move their factories to Mexico, where labor is cheaper and environmental standards are

less stringent. Mr. Clinton said Americans who find themselves working harder for less "are vulnerable to fear tactics behind much of the opposition to NAFTA' "It is clear that most of the peo-

ple who oppose this pact are rooted in the fears and insecurities that are legitimately gripping the great American middle class," he said. "It is no use to deny that these fears and insecurities exist. It is no use denying that many of our people have lost in the battle for change.

He suggested that the United States would lose face in the eyes of the world if the pact was not ap-

"If we walk away from this, we have no right to say to other coun-tries, You're not fulfilling world

leadership. "he said.
Mr. Bush chided critics for taking the "cheap and easy way out."
If the accord fails, he said, "the biggest loser, in my opinion, will be the good old U.S.A."

affirmative endorsement." The harshest words came from aire Ross Perot a demagogue "who has unlimited financial resources"

Mr. Ford offered his "strong and lion workers would be put in jeopardy by the agreement.
The president conceded that Mr. Carter, who called the million- some jobs would be lost when trade barriers were dropped, but he said I million jobs would be created by and "is extremely careless with the truth," preying on the fears of the public. Mr. Perot contends 5.9 mil-

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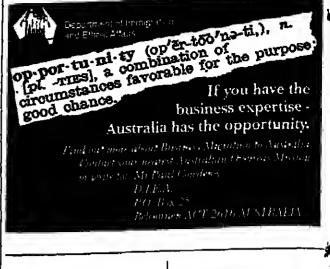
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PROHOR PCINSKI, Serbia -Sixteen months after the international community imposed sanctions on Yugoslavia for its support of Serbian paramilitary forces in Bosnia, countries bordering Yugoslavia appear finally to be enforcing the embargo.

Despite the belated success of the trade blockade, which was strengthened by the United Nadons Security Council in April, analysts are split as to whether it will achieve UN goals: the modification of Serbian behavior and peace in Bosnia-Herzegovioa.

The embargo bans shipments of most goods to and from Yugoslavia by land and water, but exempts medicine, food and relief supplies and services. It blocks shipping through Yugoslavia on the Danube, freezes Yugoslav government and private funds abroad and calls on UN members to impound Yugoslav ships, trains and aircraft that violate the sanctions.

loternational efforts to enforce the embargo have been undermioed by smugglers in many coun-tries, with much of the contraband coming through Macedonia. During the summer, thousands of trucks and rail cars crossed to Serbia through at least five checkpoints on the border with Macedonia. Under pressure from Western countries, including the United States, Macedonia on Sept. 6 shut its border with Serbia to trucks.

Bulgaria, another important source of goods coming into Serbia, has recently tightened its main leak -railroad cars with certificates for Macedonian users that are diverted to Serbia. A Western embassy in Sofia found that from January to March, 2,000 railroad cars entered Serbia destined for Macedonia, but

only 98 arrived.
They've improved on that record a great deal," said a Western diplomat. "We've still got some problems, but everybody is getting

Under the supervision of Western customs officers, Romania and Hungary have also cut embargo violations across the Danube, Western officials in Belgrade say the main problems are Croatia and Slovenia, both of which fought the Serb-led Yugoslav Army to ensure

the independence they declared in 1991. Hundreds of trucks a day slip ioto Serbia carryiog goods shipped through Serb-beld territory in eastem Croatia.

"Money is stronger than war," said Jurij Bajec, an economist in Belgrade. "Besides, oo sanctions can work 100 percent in this part of the world. We've been trading with each other for too long."
In Serbia, sanctions have played

an important role in accelerating the hyperinflation that in the past year bas nearly nbliterated the value of the Yugoslav dinar.

Earlier this month, the central bank issued a l billion dinar oote, a pinkish bill that, with an inflation rate of 15 percent per day, will soon be worth \$1. The federal parliament last week proposed a law that would strike six zeros off the currency in October

Since the UN Security Council strengthened sanctions in an effort to stop the transshipment of goods through Serbia, the dinar has plum-meted. Shortages of gasoline are now commonplace, and cigarettes are in short supply.

Some analysts fear the blockade

and worsening economy will only reinforce a bunker mentality in Yugoslavia and strengthen ultranationalist forces.

According to Mr. Bajec, the economist, President Slobodan Milosevic finds the sanctions a convenient excuse for the country's economic woes. Starting this week, the government will ration food for the first time since 1948, a move for which most people on the street appear to blame the West rather than the government price freeze.

"Sanctions are a beautiful alibi for many things," Mr. Bajec said. The only Serbs openly backing the embargo beloog to the democratic opposition.

"People must realize that the sanctions will oot be lifted unless the system is changed," said Danica Draskovic, a leading opposition

The idea that Serbs are out guilty for the bloodshed in Bosnia is wrong," she said, "If people disagree with the policy of war and with the existing system, they should protest, but they doo't. I see sanctions as the only way to make them realize that the road we're

Serbian Rebels Down A Croatian Warplane

ZAGREB. Croatia - Serbian rebels Tuesday shot down a Croatian Air Force MiG warplane that was seeking to destroy missile-launching sites in Serb-held territory in southwestern Croatia, accord-

ing to diplomatic sources.
The fledgling Croatian Air Force sent four MiG-21s on the raid, breaking the government's self-de-clared 24-hour cease-fire in what has become the worst outbreak of fighting sioce the end of the Serbi-

an-Croatian war in January 1992. The Croatiao Army has seized three villages io Serb-held territory in the Krajina area of southwestern Croatia, while the Croatian Serbs have fired thousands of artillery and mortar shells into Creatian towns and put an oil refloery at

Sisak out of order. The worst-affected Croatian town, Karlovac, was reported by the state-run radio to have received a total of 2,500 shells since Thursday, resulting in the death of 4

people and injuries to at least 15. The engagement of the four Croatian MiGs for the first time in the fighting lent credence to diplomatic reports that Croatia had successfully circumvented the UN arms

The reports also said that the MiGs had been transported in kits by truck from Hungary. The reports were unclear about the origin.

Croatia previously was known to have only two MiGs, which were seized from the old Yugoslav Air Force when Croatia broke away and declared its iodependence from Yugoslavia in June 1991. One of the two was to Austria but has reportedly now been returned here.

The four MiGs iovolved in the raid Tuesday were reported by dip-

By David B. Ottaway lomatic sources to have gone out in search of the site from which the Serbian rebels fired a Soviet-made unguided Frog-7 missile that landed Saturday in a suburb of Zagreb The missile, which has a range of 70 kilometers (45 miles), can carry up to 450 kilograms (1,000 pounds) of high explosive.

It was oot known here Tuesday whether they had succeeded in finding and bombing any such sites or had attacked other targets.

The rebels' radio said that one MiG had been shot down near Vrginmost, about 50 kilometers south of Zagreb, and that the pilot

had been killed in the crash. The Croatian state radio confirmed the loss of the MiG by bos-

Meanwhile io Geneva, President Franjo Tudiman and the Bosnian president. Alija Izetbegovic, signed an agreement aimed at ending the fighting between Bosnian Muslims and Croats in central and southwestern Bosnia.

The two leaders set Sept. 18 as a deadline for ending all fighting be-tween the warring faction and Sept. 21 for freeing each other's prisoners from detention camps. They also pledged to stop blocking the passage of UN convoys carrying bumanitarian relief supplies into central and southern Bosnia.

The Bosnian Croats have come under heavy pressure, particularly from the United States, to release thousands of Muslims being held in conditioos remioiscent of Nazi concentration camps.

However, the leader of the Bosnian Croats, Mate Boban, was not present at the meeting between Mr. Tudjman and Mr. Izetbegovic, raising questions whether this agreement had any better chance of being implemented than dozens of others that have been ignored.

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Mitterrand Falls Ill At Seoul Ceremony

SEOUL - President François Mitterrand of France became ill and vomited into a

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rived two hours earlier for the first visit by a French head of state, changed ioto clean clothes and was 30 minutes late for talks with President Kim Young Sam. Korean aides said Mr. Mit-

terrand, who is 76 and has prostate cancer, felt dizzy, then suddenly sat down in a chair near the guest-book stand, bolding a handkerchief to his mouth. With the South Korean presi-

rushed Mr. Mitterrand to a rest-He vomited and asked for his personal doctor, who was accompanying him on the trip, Korean aides said. He remained there about 20 minutes, changing into clean clothes and

dent looking oo worriedly,

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emerging wearing a light gray suit and shirt, they said. The Yonhap news agency re-ported that Mr. Mitterrand had seemed faint while watching an honor guard, just before signing the guest book, and had been assisted when he entered the

The French Embassy said later that Mr. Mitterrand was doing fine and that there would be no other comment. The president disclosed last year that he was being treated for prostate

After the incident, President Mitterrand's wife, Danielle, told Mr. Kim's wife, Sohn Myong Sun, that the voyage had been fine, but that there appeared to have been "a problem with food." The two first ladies met while their husbands were conferring in a separate

The French also asked the South Koreans to lower the parently to make Mr. Mitterrand more comfortable.

When he arrived, Mr. Mitterrand looked well and smiled and chatted with South Korean officials who met him at the airport. He laid a wreath at the national cemetery and was to be guest of honor at a state dinner following his talks with Mr.

The visit is the first by a French president since the nations established ties in 1949.



A military attaché aiding Mr. Mitterrand as he entered the presidential mansion of Kim Young Sam in Seoul on Tuesday.

Norway-EC Talks To Proceed Despite **Distaste of Voters**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRIISSEIS ... The European will do that." BRUSSELS - The European Community said Tuesday that it would continue talks on Norwesevere blow by Norwegian voters on Monday.

"It's not going to change our policy," a European Commission official said. "That will be the affair of the Norwegian government. I do not think it will have any influence ral resources such as North Sea oil on our negotiations."

Norway's minority Labor government held on to power and even made moderate gains in the elections, but its plan for EC membership was hit hard when the anti-EC Center Party was the big winner on an anti-EC ticket.

Under Norway's constitution, at least three-fourths of the 165-seat parliament would have to approve tions based on the incomplete vote count, opponents of the Communitv. who need 42 seats to block membership, could finish with up to 74 seats.

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Norwegians voted no to EC membership in a bitter referendum gian membership even though Os-lo's hopes of joining were dealt a asked, and a recent opinion poll showed that 58 percent of voters opposed EC membership.

The Center Party feels EC membership would mean sacrificing Norway's sovereignty to Brussels and fisheries - issues which will be hammered out in membership talks this autumn.

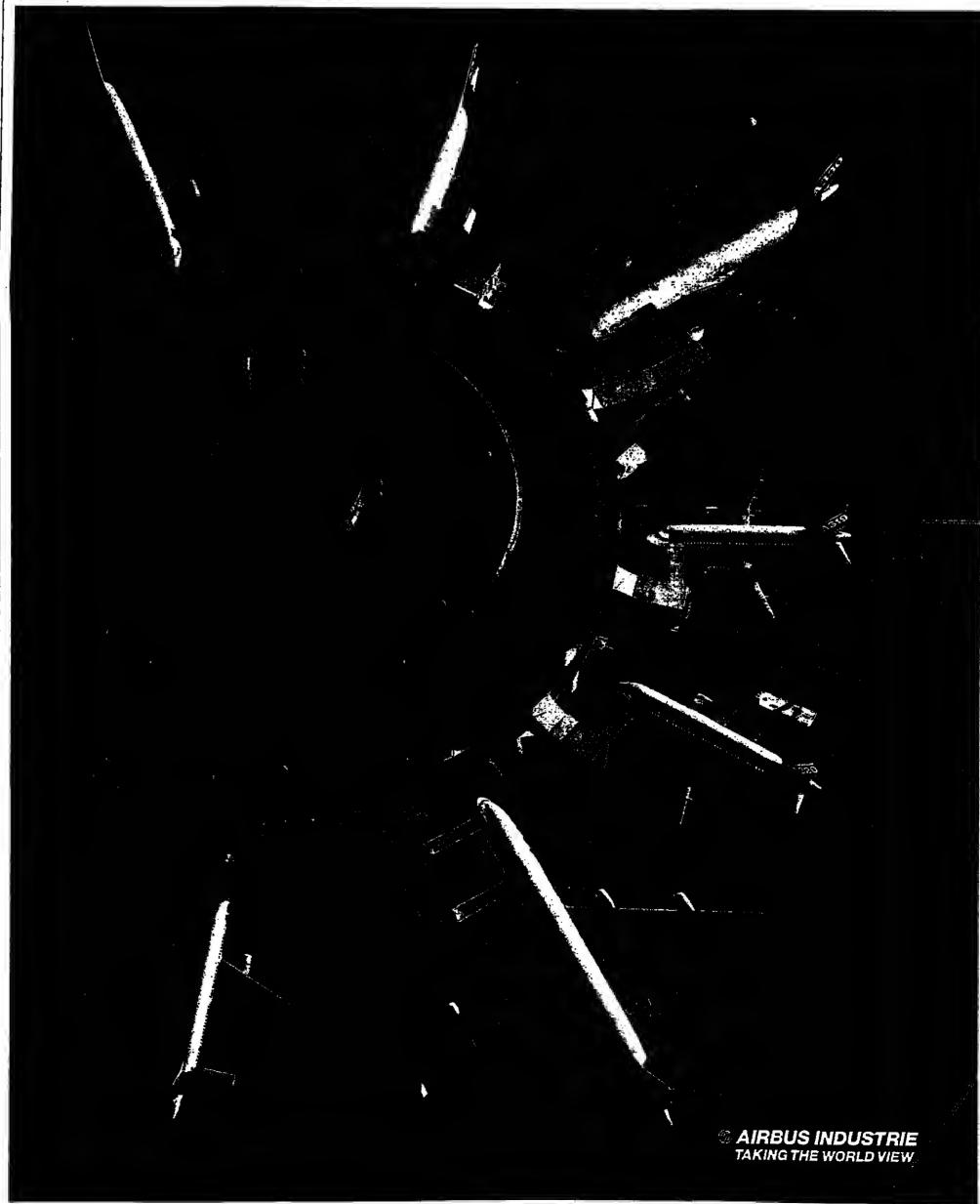
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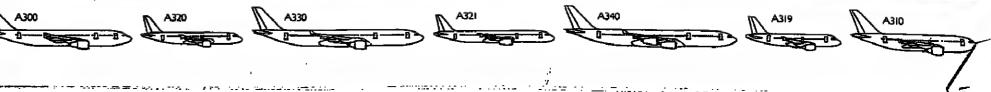
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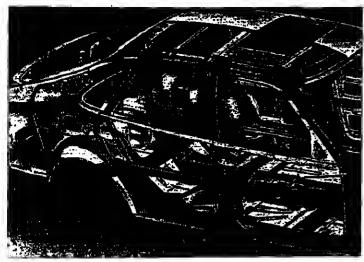
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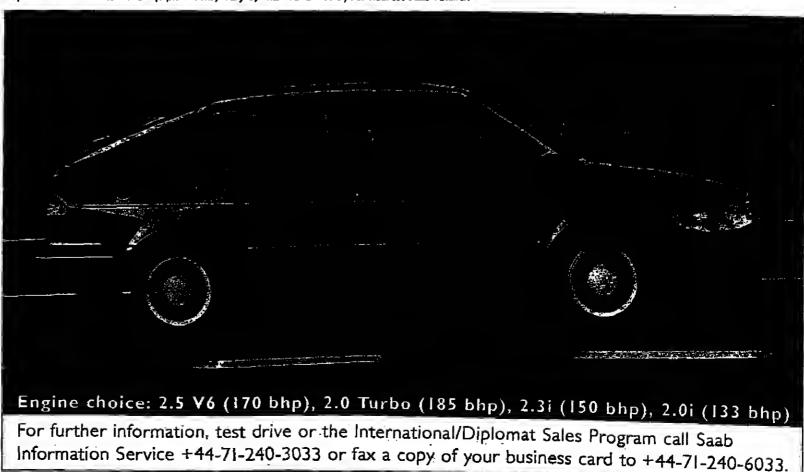
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In Israeli and Palestinian Hearts and Minds, Pain Goes On

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM — Amal Khraishi says she feels afraid when walking through the predominantly Jewish sections of West

"It's like another world, and I don't feel relaxed, and I can't talk Arabic," she said. There is a lot of worry and fear, and when I take my son, I ask him oot to speak Arabic."

Eliyahu Zahavi has Palestinian friends who five just 10 minutes down the road in Bethlehem, hut he has not visited them for the last two years, during the Palestinian uprising, or intifada.

"I am cautious," he said. "Someone! could come from an alley and stick me with a knife or throw stones."

Mr. Zahavi lives in West Jerusalem, and Mrs. Khraishi lives in Bireh, ocar-Ramallah iti the Israeli-occupied West

Mr. Zahavi is a Jew. Mrs. Khraishi is a Palestinian. They live a few miles apart.

But they also live in two separate worlds, divided by more than a century of hatred. As Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, attended the signing Monday of an Israeli-PLO declaration of principles at the White House, they started something

new - self-government for the Palestinians. But no piece of paper, oo ceremony and no speeches can easily heal wounds that live on in the minds of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. Even after the pomp and circumstance,

after the calls for reconciliation, after the historic moment, there will still be fear. suspiciou and doubt among the millions of Palestinians and Jews who live next to one another in this disputed land.

These emotions were on display in conversations with two families, both of whom acknowledged that they had high hopes and some deep-seated fears about the rapprochement between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat. To listen to Rachel and

Eliyahu Zahavi in their modest apart-ment in West Jerusalem, and to Amal Khraishi and her husband, Hasan Barghotti, in their apartment in Bireh, is to hear the echoes of two peoples still in pain.

"It oeeds time," said Mrs. Khraishi, a social worker, sitting in her living room. "One hundred years of hate - it will not change quickly. It's been this way in all conflicts in human history. It depends oo us too. We have to build more confidence so we can feel like equals. Even with my Jewish friends, I feel they are the occupi-

"I always felt we are two peoples," she added. "I never feel secure sleeping in Tel Aviv. It was not easy for me."

er and I am the occupied."

The five-year Palestinian revolt has had a dramatic impact on her children, Mrs. Khraishi said.

"All they have seen is violence and fear," she said. "All the time they are talking about who's dead, who's shot, who's handicapped. I see violence in their

games. All the time, one is playing the soldier and one the youths."

Mrs. Khraishi said she feared that the Jewish youths growing up in the isolated settlements nearby, surrounded by an Arah population of I million, might also be feeling a deepening hatred.
What do you expect Jews who have

lived their childhood in front of a fence in the settlements to think?" she said. "They don't feel we are human beings." The view from the Zahavi living room in West Jerusalem is cautious about Arab

Eliyahu and Rachel Zahavi were both born in Jerusalem. At 65, Mr. Zahavi has witnessed all of Israel's wars and has served in three of them as a communica-

"Deep inside, I don't trust the Arabs." he said. "I have to give them a test to prove their intentions. I have very bad memories from the wars. I just can't trust

tions specialist. He speaks Arabic, and be is worried about what Israel is getting

He paused. Mrs. Zahavi came in from the kitchen and pulled up a chair. "I'll tell you why," she said. "My grandfather was killed in 1936. It was

when the Arabs killed 10 people. The Arabs bring you the milk, but one day, you just don't know when it will happen. You can live with them; it can be like you are in the same family, and one night, suddenly an attack. We know of a family in Hebron; they ate breakfast with them, and they were attacked that day. Today, he can be my friend, and tomorrow -

forget about it."
"I want 10 live in peace," she added,
"but if you ask do I believe it? I don't." "I see all the Arab children on television," she continued, "and they hate us so much. I can't believe the child who has soaked up so much hate will change." She was asked if the ceremony in

Washington might make a difference. Mr. Zahavi flipped his hand. "It's oot a switch," he said. "You can't just switch it on and off. There is deep sentiment in our hearts."

Marchers Demand Beirut Leaders Quit

BEIRUT — Thousands of pro-Iranian and militant Palestinian marchers demanded the removal of the Lebanese government during a funeral procession Tuesday for eight protesters killed in demon-

strations against Middle East peace

The pro-iranian extremist group Hezboliah, or the Party of God, said that 150,000 people had attended the demonstration, but independent counts pot the oumber closer to 15,000.

The Lebanese Army pulled most of its troops off Beirut's streets to try to avoid violence.

In unrest in the occupied territories Tuesday, a day after the signing in Washington of the peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, a Palestinian blew himself up in an Israeli police station in the Gaza Strip in a bombing attack. Military sources also said Israeli troops killed a Palestinian after he stabbed a soldier in Gaza City. The soldier was slightly wounded.

An Arab burst into the courtyard

of the police station in the city of Gaza and detonated explosives strapped to his body. Military sources said that he was killed but that oo one else had been hurt, and no damage was reported.

The deaths were the first reported in Gaza since the signing of the peace pact. Militants in the area who oppose the accord with Israel have said they will step up their campaign against it.

Israel will bar Palestinians from leaving the Gaza Strip from Wednesday until Sunday to stem violence during the Jewish New Year holiday period, the army said.

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fat, chairman of the Palestine Lib-

eration Organization, appeared to offer new flexibility Tuesday on the

WASHINGTON - Yasser Ara-

Arafat Seems Flexible

On Future of Jerusalem

advocates the destruction of Israel. has consistently threatened to wreck the Mideast peace process, In Tehran, President Hashemi Rafsanjani denounced the PLO-Israel agreement as treason and a

"stain of shame" for Palestinians. "These are the most degrading times for the Islamic jihad in Palestine," he said. "This stain of shame will not remain oo the Islamic jihad of Palestine, and Muslims will not let it pass lightly."

In the Lebanese parliament. Prime Minister Rafik Hariri's government heard demands hy Hez-bollah deputies and their allies for the government to quit and for those who ordered the killings of the demonstrators to be punished. And at a cemetery in Beirut's southern suburbs, as the crowd called for the government's down-fall, a Hezbollah leader. Sheikh

Hassan Nasrallah, said: This government must resign. If it refuses to resign, then every minister who thinks himself a son of the people has to."

The eight demonstrators, two of them women, were killed Monday when troops fired on marchers who were protesting the PLO's accord with Israel, in violation of a government ban on demonstrations

It was the worst bloodshed between the Lebanese Army and Muslim fundamentalists since the country's 15-year civil war ended in 1990.

In southern Lebanon, Hezbollah guerrillas mounted six attacks inside the border area that Israel calls its security zone, wounding an Israeli officer and five allied militiamen, security sources said.

CLINTON: After Pageantry Comes Hard Diplomacy

and Palestinians that their self-in-

terest lies in its working. The nay-sayers among both peoples will have to be answered with

Much will depend on building viable economies in the areas that the Palestinians are to take over. Waxing poetic, Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, promised to help them in "making Gaza prosper and Jericho hloom again."

Arah countries will also help, Arah countries will also help, and to suffer strategically, for miscalculations in the Balkans or in Africa. money will have to come from the the difficult details." overburdened U.S. Treasury.

overhaul of the nation's health care and where the United States has a system. They will again be viewed as the prime measures of the president's success over the next 12 months or so.

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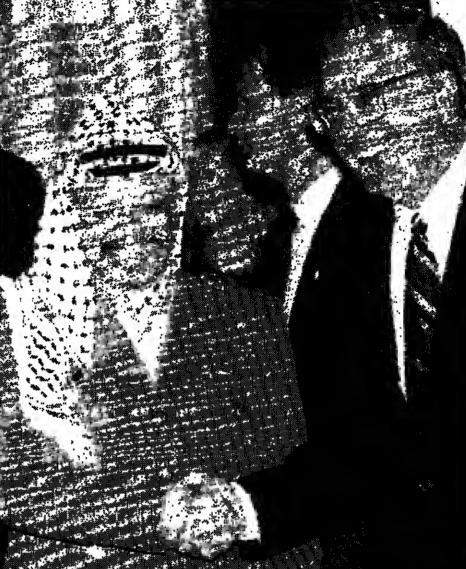
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If the United Nations operation in Somalia fails, and U.S. policy But not far below them must fails with it, that is embarrassing, tow be added the Middle East.

Mr. Clinton accepted his oew aides, rebukes himself for the failrole in his speech, asserting that ure of the Western nations to end the United States is committed to the suffering in Bosnia-Herzegovi-

The Middle East is another matter. ff Mr. Clinton bungles there -No doubt the details are diffi- if he shows an unsure touch or fails Secretary of State Warren M. cult. Moreover, Mr. Clinton coo- to follow through -- his reputation and that of his country will suffer. Not that success will guarantee a second term. When Jimmy Carter

bly have to play a role, perhaps replacing Israelis who now man the going to develop a whole strategy; I pulled off the Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel, Much will depend on whether he



city "is on the table" and that Jewish holy places should be respected. Appearing before the National Press Club, Mr. Arafat briefly sketched a vision of Jerusalem that would take into account its religious significance to the world's major religious, even as he referred

to East Jerusalem as Arab territory. Does this mean he would accept the "internationalization" of Jerusalem? he was asked.

"Ask Rabin if he will accept this internationalization of Jerusalem," referring to the Israeli prime minis-ter, Yitzhak Rabin.

From my point of view, it is on the table," he added. "If there is a will, there is a way."

As for Mr. Rabin, who has publicly yielded no ground on Jerusa-lem, Mr. Arafat said: "I have to

For years, Mr. Arafat and other Arab leaders have called for the would work with the Clinton adreturn of the eastern part of Jerusalem, seized by Israel, along with the most appropriate way to take acrest of the West Bank, during the tion" to further the Mideast peace ples signed by PLO and Israeli officials on Monday at the White House, negotiations on the future

1967 Six-Day War. Israel has reprocess. peatedly rejected this suggestion. Senate Under the Declaration of Princiof Jerusalem are to be conducted beginning two years from now. But Mr. Rabin has stressed that he has

agreed only to talk about Jerusa-lem, nothing more,

Previous promises from Mr. Arafat to see the Palestinian flag flying over Jerusalem have been met by a pointed response from Mr. Rabin: Forget it."

future of Jerusalem, saying that in-ternational control of the disputed But in appearances in Washington this week, Mr. Arafat has essentially dropped any rigid rhetoric on the question. When asked Monday evening by a U.S. television interviewer whether he envisioned an eventual Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, Mr. Arafat corrected: "East Jerusalem."

Referring to Israelis, he said: "They have their Jerusalem and we have our own Jerusalem." He characterized statements by Mr. Rabin as references to "Jerusalem," not to ummed Jerusalem.

"I am listening to him politically," Mr. Arafat said.

Mr. Arafat's references to Jenusalem, he said, are references to "this holy city — the old city" where places holy to Christians,

Moslems and Jews exist. Earlier, Mr. Arafat had hreakfast respect what he is saying, and I with senators and appealed to them hope he will respect what I am for Ioan guarantees. Secontor for Ioan guarantees. Secator George J. Mitchell of Maine, the majority leader, said Coogress ministration to find "the best and

Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the minority leader, said Mr. Arafat's appeal during the hourlong session

"I didn't think I'd live long enough to meet Yasser Arafai in the United States Capitol," he said. -PAUL F. HORVITZ

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soon turn back to the twin domestic issues that Mr. Clinton has put alop his agenda, the North American Free Trade Agreement and an economic and political interests another part of the Middle East,

JORDAN: A Pledge With Israel to Work for Peace Continued from Page 1

Elyakim Rubinstein. "The good and husinesslike atmosphere which has characterized our negotiations so far, including many moments of good humor, should serve to bring our mission to its final end beyond today's milestone."

Mr. Ruhinstein promised a rapid pace for the talks and invited his Jordanian counterparts to hold them in the region.

Jordanian officials were less ex-

pansive, however. They emphasized that the task ahead called for a peace based on UN resolutions that envision the return of Arab lands and security for Israel Jor-

the 1967 Six-Day War and then agenda as "more than a list of items transferred its territorial claims to to be orgotiated." The Jordanians also stressed that

the Jordanians also stressed that they were not likely to sign a final peace treaty with Israel until all Arab states, including Syria and Lebanon, had agreed to peace terms with the Jewish state, Indeed, the the agenda signed Tuesday was completed months ago, but the Jordanians preferred to wait until progress had been made between Israel and the PLO.

Because all the talks are under way in Washington, they said, dan lost the West Bank to Israel in Mr. Rubinstein characterized the ating genuine peace."

"It details and summarizes the principles which will guide us in the coming negotiations," he said. The ranking Jordanian, Fayez Tarawneh, Amman's ambassador

to the United States, made an indirect appeal for development funds from abroad, saying: "We in Jor-dan look for a global security ar-rangement that goes beyond the traditional definition of military se-curity to one that provides for seccurity to one that provides for eco-nomic security and well-being."

He placed great significance on the agenda, saying: "We are not



Yasser Arafat being greeted by George J. Mitchell, the Senate majority leader, on Tuesday.

Excerpts From the Israeli-Jordanian 'Common Agenda' Text

"Common Agenda" signed on Tuesday in Washington by Jordan and Israel:

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A Handshake for Peace

Tough but Possible

What happened on Monday at the White House was only a ceremony to sign a first-small-piece-of-peace agreement between Israe and the PLO. But what a ceremony! Yes, there was a text, and not an insignificant one. There was a pack of dignitaries. But what caught the imagination of the crowd in the sun and, most certainly, around the world was the spectacle of two seemingly permanent foes not only coming to terms but coming together and not only appearing together but shaking hands. This was the unforgettable moment when an

easy smiling Yasser Arafat reached out to Yitzhak Rabin, who by speech (this is "not so easy," he had just said) and body language had advertised his reluctance. The Israeli prime minister took the PLO chairman's hand.

· A myth has arisen from the recent Mideast dazzle to the effect that Israel and the PLO could have made peace years and even decades ago. It seems so natural and plausible and fated now. But this is to ignore the deep sources of their animosity and rivalry. It trivializes the Israeli-Palestinian dispute not to realize that it was real and irreducible: two peoples, one land. Only when the two had exhausted the quest for

'Enough!'

The hostility between Arabs and Israelis has yielded nearly a half-century of warfare and only a few moments of promise. Monday brought the hrightest promise of all: reconciliation between the two main parties to the conflict, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Before a glittering crowd of 3,000 on the White House lawn and a world-wide television audience of millions, these old enemies came together to recognize each other's right to exist.

No flags, no anthems, no saluting cannons. Yet those who watched and listened will find it hard to let go of their memories. Yitzhak Rahln and Yasser Arafat squinting at each other across a distance of a few feet and many years of hostility. Bill Clinton coaxing a dramatie handshake from the two men. All three - president, prime minister and PLO chairman -- working the crowd afterward.

To Mr. Arafat, the moment meant "putting an end" to Palestinians' "feelings of being wronged." To Shimon Peres, the fsraeli foreign minister, it was "a revolution: yesterday a dream, today a commitment," But it was left to Mr. Rabin, a bero of the 1967 war that brought fsraeli occupation to the very territories that the Palestinians now bope to reclaim, to say - indeed to trumpet - what seemed to be on everyone's mind: "Enough of blood and tears. Enough!"

The preliminary peace agreement begins the first stages of Israeli military withdrawal and Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It commits Israel to the princi-

ing. But what does it really tell us about

Things are not getting worse. As the study

observes, "Today we are a better educated

and more literate society than at any time in

our history." Second, even those who do have

problems with sentences and sums do not

seem to feel at a disadvantage. Most of the

respondents at the two lowest levels of profi-

ciency (respondents were divided into five

levels) said they could read or write English

are Americans' expectations. Only in the last

20-odd years, for instance, have colleges and

universities become truly serious about in-

creasing the diversity of their student bodies.

Only in that period have Americans begun to

expect anything like truly equal opportunity at success for all Americans.

As a nation, America is still shedding the

durable assumption that a literate elite would

make the decisions for a less educated major-

ity. The kind of egalitarianism that demands

truly equal opportunity is still in its infancy, a

struggling legacy of the civil rights movement

Another change during the last two decades is in the nature of work in America. Well-

of their middle-class residents, the people wbo

pay property taxes to finance schools and who

deliver. Just as it becomes harder to get good

work without a good education, good educa-

tion itself is becoming more clusive for the increasingly isolated children of the cities.

The survey, conducted by the people who conduct the Scholastic Aptitude Tests for col-

lege admission, confirms conventional wisdom:

The more literate you are, the less likely you are

to depend on food stamps or be in prison, and

But it is almost certain that the same things

eould have been said at any point in America's

history. The difference now is that sensibilities

have changed, and so has the job market. In

the more likely to have a decent income.

st most effectively when schools do not

and idealism of the 1960s.

What has changed, and it is a recent change,

well" or "very well."

America's ability to function as a society?

Lots of Illiterate Americans

Half the adults in the United States cannot earlier decades, Americans were more accept-

read or do simple math, according to an ing of social inequities, while the economy was Education Department study. Pretty shock-kinder to those without much learning.

unilateral advantage could they begin to explore mutual accommodation. It took courage, and there were policy errors aplenty, but it took time and experience and blood, too.

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The Palestinian side needs quick relief from occupation and a start on development. The Israeli side needs a quick ending to the intifada and effective PLO checks on terrorism. That is just for openers. Mr. Arafat anxiously catalogued some of the most troubling, other issues Jerusalem, farael's West Bank settlers, Palestinian refugees, boundaries - which his constituents expect him to deliver on Israel's claims for security and regional acceptance weigh no less heavily on Mr. Rabin.

All tough, but all possible to do in the now shared Israeli-Palestinian view. This is the new excitement. It becomes the more credible when one listens hard to what Israelis and Palestinians now are saying to each other. Israel's security, Mr. Arafat said, rests onsrael's security. Mr. Arafat said, rests on:
"putting an end to [the Palestinians"] feelings
of having been wronged and of having suffered a historic injustice." A new chapter
opens, said Mr. Rabin, "in the sad book of our
lives together." The language anyway sounds
as if these are people serious about peace. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

ple that the Palestinians are a distinct people entitled to negotiate their own destiny. It commits the Palestinians to the principle that their Israeli neighbors are on the land to stay,

and are to be lived with in peace.

This is by no means a final peace. Many crucial disputes remain to be negotiated. Mr. Rabin does not have unanimous support in his own country, not does Mr. Arafat among the Palestinians. Further progress will require not only the goodwill so obvious on the White House lawn but the continued encouragement moral political and financial - of the

Mest, particularly the United States.

Among the purposes of Monday's choreography was to give this fragile accord the momentum of America's blessing. To that end, Mr. Clinton rounded up as many Americans as he could who had played significant roles in the Middle East. One was Jimmy Carter, whose nurturing brought forth the Camp David agreements that began the process of exchanging land for peace. Another was George Bush, who exploited the end of the Cold War and victory in the Gulf to hring Arabs and Israelis to the bargaining table.

Somebody with a shrewd sense of symbolism also arranged to invite bundreds of young Palestinians and Israelis and put them in front. It was to them that Mr. Clinton spoke when he offered this summary of the agreement: "A brave gamble that the future can be better than the past." And it was on them that he wished the hope that millions share for all generations of Israelis and Arabs; "The quiet miracle of a normal life."

For those who can read it, the lesson is

pretty clear. Disinvestment in American cit-

les, and particularly in their public schools, is

dangerous. While more Americans expect a

fair shot at success, the gap between skilled

and unskilled workers' income, particularly

between those with and without college de-

grees, gets wider. A large percentage of people

who scored in the bottom group on this survey

were older, or were immigrants, or had physi-cal, mental or health problems. But that still

leaves many who could not solve everyday

problems such as reading a pay stuh or a hus

schedule. The workplace of the 21st century

Such a message tests another kind of liter-

acy: the ability to read the message in con-

flicting social and economic trends, and to

will have very few places for such people.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Dangers, Hurdles And Hope

By Rashid Khalidi

ERUSALEM — For 26 years it was illegal to possess a Palestin-ian flag in the occupied territories. On Monday, young men waved flags openly as they drove in jubilant, born-honking processions through the refugee camps, villages and narrow city streets of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

They were reflecting what many Palestinians here feel about the agreement signed in Washington: the misery of two and a half decades of occupation has been so intense that almost any change is welcome.

Some changes that have already taken place, such as mutual recogni-tion between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples, were greeted with pleasure by the majority of Palestinians. And the possibility that the accord marks the end of the tide of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and of the historical process of expul-sion of the Palestinians from their homeland is also significant.

But the obstacles that still stand in the way of a lasting peace, and of the Palestinian stability and prosperity that would guarantee it, are perity that ... truly daunting.

For one thing, the framework of the peace process, with its phases and the peace process, with its phases and interim phases, is unnecessarily constricted and complicated — a legacy of Israel's Likud government and of conditions imposed by American officials on the Madrid negotiations that led to the new agreement. This formula played a major part in preventing progress on the Palestinian-Israeli track for nearly two years: it was finally jettisoned by the Israelis and the Palestine Liberation Organization, but the idea of phases is still with us.

The negotiators will have to face

The negotiators will have to face not only the complexity of the issues themselves but also the involvement of an American "full partner" whose contribution has so far been less than constructive. In recent months, the input of American policymakers has been so one-sided that it exasperated not only Palestinians but even the

Israelis themselves. This was most evident during the May and June rounds of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, when U.S. policymakers intervened, presenting draft documents that were unacceptable to both sides. In both cases the American drafts were less forthcoming to the Palestinians than the Israelis' drafts; a U.S. draft of a "declaration of principles" went beyond the Israelis' pro-posals on a whole array of crucial issues, including who might ultimately have sovereignty over the territories. Unless the Clinton administration

can learn to play an impartial role taking as a starting point what the parties themselves say they want in-stead of what the United States thinks they should want — it will continue to be neither a mediator nor an honest broker, but rather a major

obstacle in the path of peace. And even if all goes well in the many months of painful negotiations to come, the results are bound to be meager; nothing more than the shape of interim arrangements for fewer than half the Palestinian people (those in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip) for five years at most.

The really hard issues - the status of Jerusalem, the disposition of Israeli settlements, Palestinian statebood and sovereignty, the issue of refugees, to name just a few - are to be left to

"final status" talks. Many Palestinians will not benefit from these arrangements for years, if ever - par-ticularly those in Lebanon and Syria (most of them 1948 refugees and their descendants) — and they have good reason to be dissatisfied.

Beyond these problems, still others loom farther down the path to a lasting peace. Two are particularly seri-ous: the dependence of the Palestinian economy on that of Israel, and the ability of the Palestinian interim government to deal with the vast economic and social problems of the people who will gradually come under its control. So, too, with the powerful Palestin-

The declaration of principles calls

In the end, the outcome of the Palestinians' leap of faith is mainly up to the Palestinians themselves.

for a very high degree of cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian interim government, particularly in the domains of water, energy, finance, investment, industry, communica-tions and transportation, ft calls for joint projects in textiles, food, elec-tronics, diamonds and computers.

In principle these are all wonderful ideas. But anyone even vaguely famil-iar with the Palestinian economy riddled by well over a quarter century of disinvestment, neglect of the infrastructure and Israeli obstructionism cooperation between two such unequal partners.

For the 2 million people of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, and the tens of thousands displaced from the territories since the Six-Day War in 1967 but now entitled to return, sperity depends on integration of the Palestinian economy with those of the world and the region.

But at the same time, the Palestinian economy must be fundamentally restructured to decrease its near to tal dependence on the Israeli economy, and also to foster greater auto-

relations with other partners. The details of the accord do not bode well for such antonomy, or for any such balance, particularly since there has been no move so far to negotiate parallel economic agreements with the neighboring Arab countries and the European Community. This is not yet an irremediable flaw. But for Palestmians who have seen the

wast power of the Israeli manufactur-ing and agricultural lobbies to shape their government's economic policies in the occupied territories, extreme caution seems in order.

ian economic interests, many of which have already taken tentative steps to-ward cooperation with Israeli busi-nesses. Again, in principle this is a wonderful thing. And the active in-volvement of the major Palestinian banking, construction, investment and accounting firms, which have contributed so much to creating and sustain-ing the prosperity of numerous Arab countries, is essential if there is to be a strong Palestinian economy,

But those firms and the people who control them have their own interests, These may or may not coincide with the pressing needs of a population that has been deprived and oppressed for more than a generation.

This brings us to the heart of the problem: How well will the new Pal-estinian interim government balance the competing interests it will repre-sent — those of big business and other parts of society, those of the Palestinians inside Palestine and those outside, those of people dis-placed since 1967 and those of refugees from 1948, and so forth?

a devastated economy and society, in the Gaza Strip in particular, for rapid, equitable and sustainable development? At the same time, how will it respond to the people's need for democratic political expression and strong, effective governance?

The answers to these questions, far more than problems of security for Palestinians and Israelis, will determine whether we are on the brink of peace, or of a slide into chaos and ungovernability on the model of Somalia and many other countries in the post-Cold War era.

considering buying millions in "Arafat bonds," to finance new projects in the West Bank and Gaza.

Building up the economy in the occupied territories may prove to be the easy part. Much harder will be

building a framework for democracy. "We've been talking for 40 years about self-determination," said Fatch

Azzam, head of the rights organization Al Haq in Jerusalem. "But self-deter-

just once, in a liberation movement. It

has to happen every day."
By Arab standards, the PLO has

been relatively democratic. It had a "parliament" that regularly de-

nounced Mr. Arafat; it had an execu-

tive committee where Mr. Arafat

More important in recent years was the intifada. Until it collapsed into

vigilantism, the uprising taught ordi-nary Palestinians to think for them-selves, without waiting for orders from

The trickiest problem for the new

Palestinian government will be con-taining the violence of the radical

Islamic group Hamas. The key, said

Fatch Azzam, is to find a way to draw

Hamas into the democratic process.

Hamas will be a political force like

other political forces." he said. "They'll have to be dealt with in a

Other analysts argue that if Hamas

continues to resist the peace process,

the PLO will have to move quickly -

with Israeli help - to destroy Hamas's

power base. It will take the kind of

intelligence work that Mr. Arafat ex-

celled at in Lebanon, penetrating his

rivals' organizations, bribing their

"If there is a spurt of terrorism from

Hamas, Arafat has the resources to

silence it," said Jamil Mroue, a Leba-

nese publisher. "But after that, he

must deal with people differently than

he did in Lebanon. The Palestinians in

the territories have imbibed Israeli de-

mocracy for 26 years. They won't stand for Beirut tactics."

The writer, an assistant managing

editor of The Washington Past, is author of "The Bank of Fear," a novel about the Middle East to be published

members, scizing their weapons

PLO headquarters in Tunis.

mocratic fashion.

sometimes lost.

ation isn't something that happens

particularly the potential for violent Palestinian opposition to these agree-ments — will be the Achilles' heel of the current agreement. But this con-cern is misplaced. Whether there will be a violent Palestimian backlash against this agreement will not de-pend on the size and ruthlessness of Palestinian security forces in sup-pressing disorder and their willing-ness to cooperate with Israel. Instead, it will depend mainly on whether the Palestinians can govern

themselves democratically; achieve themselves democratically; achieve rapid economic growth; create a basic infrastructure; provide jobs, housing, schooling and proper medical care, and raise the abysmal standard of living in the occupied territories, especially the Gaza Strip. Success in these domains would isolate and signature themselves a provide a standard discount of the strip and signature of the strip and strip and signature of the strip and signature of signature of the strip and signature of the stri lence those who would violently disrupt the accords.

But if government is autocratic, partisan and undemocratic; if cor-ruption is rampant, particularly in view of the billions in development funds expected to flow into the area; if narrow private interests are untrammeled in their pursuit of their own advantage — if all of this hap-pens, and if the basic social and economic problems of Palestinian society

nome problems of Palestinan society are not addressed, the interim period will not move smoothly into "final status" talks ending in peace. It will degenerate into something far darker. There are several sources of hope. One is the deep desire of the Palestinian people for peace and stability after so many decades of upheaval. This will restrain much in the way of This will restrain much in the way of possible violent reactions to the accord, although of course not all.

Another is the Palestinians' thirst pression. If all goes well, this will be articulated through a freely elected assembly, a free press and vigorous political parties. Together they will provide a strong check on arbitrary government, cronvism and corrup tion, making this government a model for the Arab world.

A third reason for hope is the vast reservoir of human resources and institutional skills that the Palestinians have accumulated over the years but have never been able to apply fully in their own homeland.

A major responsibility rests with the international community to supervise the elections to come, to hold the newly elected government to a high stan-dard and to ensure that funds for economic development are not squandered but are invested in projects of benefit to society as a whole.

The world community must also take care to safeguard the interests of the Palestinian people, not solely pro-tect those of Israel — on which most foreign involvement in Palestinian affairs, especially that of the United States, has focused in the past.

But in the end, the outcome of the Palestinians' leap of faith is mainly up to the Palestinians themselves. Whether they leaped of their own volition or were pushed, they are now in midair. Where they will land — in a prosperous state alongside Israel in federation with Jordan, or in chaos, civil war and renewed occupation — will be determined by nothing so much as the hard choices the Palestinian people and their leaders make in the months and years to come.

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Will Arabs Stretch For Peace?

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — So now it is up to the Arabs, in the new Palestine being created and far beyond. Last Feb. 15, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel said that the more the Palestine Liberation Organization lost its authority, the better it would be for progress toward peace. Two weeks later he said Yasser Arafat himself was a big obstacle to Appeace. And on May 3. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres wrote a letter to the American Zionist Organization: Supported by bard evidence, we believe the PLO is engaged in terrorist activities and is therefore no partner

for any negotiations or dialogue."

But a few months later, in a day that would move a stone to hope, the two Israelis stood with Mr. Arafat at the White House. They had opened its doors to him by recognizing him and his organization as the representatives of the Palestinian people. And they had agreed to a peace plan that is bound to lead to an independent Palestine, sooner than later.

For Mr. Arafat it was a sudden pinnacle — recognizion, world applause, immediate control over Gaza and Jericho, and the clear road to Palestine. In exchange, he bad only to repeat earlier commitments — to kindly recognize Israel's right to exist, and to end terrorism and violence. He forgot to say that last

part at the White House.

As The Jerusalem Post has asked, what happened in the past six months to make the Israeli leaders change their minds about the worthiness of Mr. Arafat and the PLO as partners in creating peace? Labor gives no clear reply that I can find. But in the

clear reply that I can find. But in the logical answer lie the clues as to whether the hopes will live or die.

The PLO was staggering, hank-rupt, abandoned by most of its Araballies because of Mr. Arafat's adoration of Saddam Hussein during the Guiff War as the true hope of the Palestinian cause. Palestinian cause.

The fundamentalists were growing in power on the West Bank. Recognition of the PLO by Israel can cut either way - reduce fundamentalists' influence or put them in position to take over an independent Pales-tine, perhaps by ballot, Israel will not be able to send in the army when it does not like a change in the new Palestine's government,

It was not a sudden burst of confi-dence in Mr. Arafat that was the key to the Labor government's decision. It was the belief that the Arab nations, bereft of Soviet support and fearful of the fundamentalists they helped create, were ready for peace with Israel and that a deal with the Palestinians would speed the day.

So now it is up to the Arabs in and beyond Palestine. If they will It, peace can happen. But they will bave to reach for it, stretch for it, accept risks — as has the current govern-

end to fear and killing. As Mr. Rabin said about his decision on the PLO, it will not be easy. For a balf-century, officials, intellectuals, journalists, teachers and clergymen have supported and sustained the war against Israel.

fn their press, preaching and in broadcasts beamed to the world they vilified Israel not just as their own enemy but as the agent of imperial-ism, the enemy of all peoples newly

come to freedom. In countries in Africa and Asia where Jews had never byed, they came to be seen as evil. The line between Arah anti-Israeli propaganda and anti-Semitism is often impossible to find because often it does not exist.

Forcigners who have an Israeli visa in their passports are barred at Arah horders. For a half-century, Israel has been boycotted politically and economically without protest from most of the world.

A declared end to boycotts, to ceaseless hate propaganda, not as the price of treaties but now simply as acceptable international conduct is that asking too much too early, as I am often told? No - it is a half-

century overdue.
Geography has not changed for Israel. Mr. Rabin, like his predecessors, once believed that the West Bank was essential to give Israel the needed mobilization hours if war came. Now be believes that security lies more in peace arrangements than in time and space. Many Israelis and

foreign friends of Israel, including me, are nervous about that. Having committed itself, as is its right, the Labor government can say or do little to assuage those fears. From now on, it is up to the Arabs to do that - Arabs in Palestine and

Arabs far beyond. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: He Died Flockless

PARIS - The French Socialist Party has lost its theorising leader, Benoft Malon. His death will be keenly felt by all the Socialists of Europe. Benon Malon, who started on the lowest rung of the social ladder (he began life as a shepherd, and only learnt to read when he was nineteen years of age), had arrived, by the power of his intelligence, at the highest conceptions of the human mind. He believed that the people could understand what he called "integral Socialism," and yet even philosophers found it difficult to follow his ideas. He had, therefore, but little influence over the masses whose lot he wished to improve, and nothing will remain of him but the memory of a theorist and some thick volumes which will be summed up in a few short lines in the history of Socialism.

1918: Please Refrain!

NEW YORK — Fifty women living was a blank for some on the upper west side of Manhattan, after the shooting.

all advocates of prohibition, have sent a letter to Governor Whitman asking him to sign a pledge to relrain from the use of intoxicants as an example to others.

1943: Colonel Convicted SELFRIDGE FIELD, Michigan -

From our New York edition: Colonel William T. Colman, former commandant of this Army air base, was convicted today [Sept. 14] by a court martial of careless use of firearms and on four counts of drunkenness. and was ordered reduced in rank to a captaincy. The major charge against Colonel Colman was the shooting and wounding of Private William McRae, Negro chauffeur, at the base here May 5. The original charge on this count was assault with intent to do bodily harm. The court reduced this to careless use of firearms. Testifying on this allegation. Colonel Colman said that his mind was a blank for some time before and

nomy and greater balance in its Many people fear that security -Yardsticks for a Democratic Peace

act accordingly. Reading this survey, it is hard to escape the conclusion that Americans are badly undereducated for the times and that the United States needs to invest widely in public education. -THE NEW YORK TIMES. Other Comment

paying jobs requiring little education have been disappearing. At the same time, the growth of the suburbs has depleted the cities

Hard Work in the Mideast

was a success. Now comes the patient, tough work. What was signed in Washington was a first step. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a soher general; he has done everything possible

Israeli troops in the occupied areas must be pulled back, and the PLO must guarantee law and order. The demonstrations in Palestinian refugee camps that coincided with the signing ceremony reflect the dimensions of the problem.

someone who is not hungry is more peaceful. One should also recall Chapter 2 of Camp David: Two years later the courageous Anwar Sadat was murdered by extremists.

-- Die Welt (Hamburg).



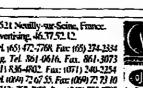
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The surprise move by Israel and the PLO

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The Europeans will have to play a part, in the form of enormous amounts of aid, since



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By David Ignatius

W ASHINGTON — Snapshot of the past: It is 1982, and f am in the living room of a Palestinian fam-ily in the West Bank town of Halhul. My bost, after checking the door, hands me a box of tissues. I don't understand why he is exchanging fur-tive smiles with his other guests for a modern democratic state. When Islamic fundamentalists until I look more closely. The cover of the box is green, white, red and black
—like the flag of the Palestine Liber-

The right kind of peace will bring democracy and human rights. The wrong kind will turn Gaza and the West Bank into versions of Beirut.

ation Organization, whose public dis-

play has long been a crime in the occupied territories. That defiant box of tissues came back to me last week as I read the amazing accounts of the peace agreement between Israel and the PLO, fn the West Bank town of Jenin, one report said, students were in the streets parading under the forbidden flag. They seemed to understand that it was

over; a page of history had turned.

The last few weeks have been a pinch-yourself kind of time. Gradually, caution has given way to hope, even joy, at the prospect of peace. But Middle East history teaches that the wrong kind of peace can create its own deadly problems.

The right kind of peace will bring democracy and buman rights to the

occupied territories. The wrong kind

will turn Gaza and the West Bank

into another Beirut - or simply a

continuation of the miserable status

quo under different management. Here are some ways you will know that the new Palestinian government of Gaza-Jericho is on the right track: · When the Jericho Post begins publishing a five-part series exposing the corruption of President Yasser Arafat, and pobody tries to censor it. When the new Gaza police force rejects Israel's offer to provide train-

ing for its cops - saving that Israel's past use of moderate physical and psychological pressure" against Pal-estinian detainees is inappropriate

from Hamas win local elections in Gaza, and nobody panics and tries to have the elections annulled. When Israeli and Palestinian bankers join to make Jericho a Levan-

tine version of the Cayman Islands and financiers rush to invest. What is needed, in short, is a democratic peace. That is the great gift that Israel and the PLO can bestow on each other - and on the rest of the Middle East. They can create a

new Arab state that is genuinely democratic, a hridge to democracy for the rest of the Arah world. The seeds of democracy are there. but how do you nurture them?" asks Odeh Aburdene, a prominent Palestinian-American banker. His answer is investment and economic growth. There were hopeful signs last week -not just for peace, but for prosper-

ity. The largest company in Israel, Koor Industries Ltd., is planning to invest \$60 million in joint ventures with Palestinians in the West Bank. according to Business Week. And plans are afoot for a monthly magazine in English that would be jointly edited by Israelis and Pales-

timans and distributed in Israel and

the Arab world. The venture has al-

ready found offices in Jerusalem. One man who could play a key role in developing the territories is Hassib Sabbagh, a Palestinian who owns Consolidated Contractors Co., the biggest construction company in the Middle East. His company has built everything from pipelines to universities, from shopping centers to hotels, Two-thirds of his employees are said to be Palestinians. His personal fortune is estimated at \$300 million.

A likely channel for investment by wealthy Palestinians is a group known as the Welfare Association, based in Geneva. In addition to Mr. Sabbaeh. the group includes Abdel-Majid Showho heads Amman-based Arab Bank Ltd. This group is said to be

WASHINGTON — In the Cold War, cartoonists and writers popularized the imagery of an American president playing chess, or perhaps poker, against the Soviet adversary. What is the right image today for the more complex foreign policy that America must conduct?

president paused at the question, smiling slightly as if waiting for a gaming muse to speak to him. We had just come in from the patio of the Oval Office and a brief viewing of preparations for Monday's visually and emotionally gratifying is-

raeli-Palestinian peace ceremony "Poker is closer than chess." Bill Clinton said finally on Sunday afternoon. "You could play poker with quite a number of actors. We live in a world where there are still an enormous oumber of problems that still threaten our interests

By Jim Hoagland

tures the fast pace and puzzling spins of the new foreign policy game played by world leaders. The Middle East breakthrough has drawn Mr. Clinton back into America's first post-Cold War deep personal engagement in that game after a long coocentration on passing the budget and prepar- deportations and during July's oneing for health care reform and reioventiog government.

He gives the impression that he

sees the Israeli-Palestinian accord as an opportunity for a fresh start managing the signing ceremony on that much criticized work-inprogress, the Clinton Doctrine of Foreign Policy. Memories of his bold support for Boris Yeltsin in by the agonies of Bosnia, the controversy of NAFTA and the unpredietability of Somalia.

He easily flicks away, and justifialmost feel instead of poker or ably, the facile criticism that the

chess it is 'Twenty Questions.' " secrecy of the Israeli-Palestinian
The president's mild irony capdeal demonstrated U.S. diplomatic weakness. Back-channel talks were the best, and probably only, way for the PLO and Israel to reach an agreement that they would honor fully. He did well to keep the public talks on track during the region's serious hlowups over Palestinian week artillery war in Lebanon.

put a foot wrong since the deal became public, promoting and way for more progress by issuing a barrage of public statements promising continued economic aid the spring have been muscled aside and diplomatic support to Israel. His statements were designed "to build a sense of security among the rank-and-file people in Israel" and to encourage them to give the Israeli government "the freedom of

Moreover, Mr. Clinton has not

maneuver" to take the oext steps in trading land for peace. On the Arab side, he has worked the telephones hard to get King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Hafez Assad of Syria to accept the Pales-

tinian bid for peace. Unfazed by carping on the Mid-dle East, Mr. Clinton is seriously nettled by what he sees as ill-informed criticism from the right that he is giving away U.S. sover-eignty to the United Nations. He named oo names, but recent articles by Henry Kissinger and Jeane Kirkpatrick have been read with particular displeasure at the State Department and the White House.

Mr. Clinton does have a more open attitude oo increased Ameri-can participation in UN peace-keeping. But in Presidential Deci-sion Directive 13, classified secret hut uncovered by the Pentagon reporter of The Washington Post, Bart Gellman, Mr. Clintoo has re-

portedly vetoed cootribution

parasitie diseases. Another attractive feature of

> Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the obvious example, but other conflicts in the Middle East, and in the Balkans, Africa, Asia and South America would benefit,

The fund accrued from a fee on crude oil would not preclude continued direct assistance by industrial countries to those countries that have successfully resolved their political differences.

SAMI A. HASHIM.

should be further discussed.

NICHOLAS F. WAKIM. Melbourne.

thority over American units. As on most things, Mr. Clinton takes a middle course on multilateralism, trying to distinguish those some but oot decisive influence from those where "we can have decisive influence." Bosnia is a clear example of the first category in his mind. He cited aid to Russia, Haiti and the Middle East talks as

examples of the second.

Twice during our 40-minute conversation the president put strong emphasis on simultaneously protecting "American interests and American values" abroad. His intent is to put American national values, such as promoting democracy and human rights, on a par with national interests. This duality would be a hallmark of Clinton foreign policy.

Preventive diplomacy, he says, could have perhaps headed off "the mindless cooduct in very poor countries that led to the destruc-

standby force authorized by Arti-cle 43 of the UN Charter. More-over, the directive requires still un-over, the directive requires still unspecified arrangements to keep in cannot solve every problem every-U.S. hands ultimate command au- where. We need mechanisms to sort out the places where we do

have an opportunity. He is seeking to identify those mechanisms as he takes on the situations where "we can have task of "redefining the national interest now that the Soviet Union is oo longer there." It should be ocither surprising oor distressing, he suggests, that he did not arrive in office with a preconceived global vision. He compares the present to the late 1940s, when Harry Truman was president and it took two to three years to sort ont new institutions and concepts as the

Cold War began. This is the Twenty Questions part of his job. But it only makes the president's ultimate conclusion about foreign policy more striking. As the world's remaining super-power, the United States "has a unique obligation to lead," he says with fervor. It has fallen to Bill Clinton to find how to do that in a still changing world.

The Washington Post.

For a Sweet New Year in Germany

By Michael Kallenbach

BERLIN — Before Hitler came to power, 170,000 Jews lived in Berlin. They were the possibly for the first time in their lived in Berlin. They were the motor for much of the city's intellectual and economic power. The number today, of course, is far smaller. Knowledge of Jewish

MEANWHILE

life and contact between Germans and Jews is sadly minimal. I would guess that most Germans have as much contact with Jews as I have with Eskimos. My parents fled Berlin before anti-Jewish policies were fully ap-

plied. Ours was never a particular-

ly religious family, but the main holidays — Pesach, or Passover, and Rosh Hashanah, the New Year — were important to us.

My first Pesach in East Berlin after the fall of the Wall came in the Rykestrasse synagogue. A rabbi had been brought from Israel to help explain the meaning of religion to the former Commu-

lives, unafraid to admit their religious beliefs and eager to learn more about their heritage.

Since then I have always made a point of going to services at Rykestrasse — if only to help boost attendance.

I have made an effort to invite non-Jews to my table on impor-tant Jewish holidays. Germans who have vacationed in Israel complain that they have little con-

tact with the tiny Jewish commo-nity here, and would like more. A 10-year-old girl who lives in my five-story walk-up and comes to play with my dogs gets an ex-planation about Rosh Hashanah as she keenly tastes a special piece of cake with honey — for a sweet new year. All this is part of my small contribution to keeping the Jewish flame alive in Germany. Unlike New York, Jewish holi-

days in Germany pass unnoticed.

Why should Germans know of the Jewish tradition of taking the scrolls out of the ark during Sabbath services, or the bar mitzvah, which signifies the transition from boyhood to manhood?

They identify more easily with the likes of Moses Mendelssohn, the Enlightenment philosopher who led Berlin's Jews from cultural seclusion to a degree of assimilation, or with well-known Jewish

artists, painters and writers. But responsibility lies with individual Jews and the Jewish community at large to open their doors and homes, especially at holiday time. This would make people more aware of what Jewish cultore and religion are about. It would begin to cement

ties between Christians and Jews. Surely many a Jew would welcome an invitation to experience a traditional Christmas Heiligabend, with that crackling roast goose and red cabbage. Why miss the chance to celebrate two sets of year-end holidays a year? tional Herald Tribune.

America's Religious Right Again

WASHINGTON — The meeting here last weekend of Pat Robertson's Christian Co-

alition was an instructive event. The 2,000 grass-roots delegates, representing perhaps three-quar-ters of a million adherents, gave strong voice to the assertion that they intend to play a bigger role in American politics. Many thought that the political mobilization of conservative Protestant fundamentalists and their allies in other faiths had crested at the Republican convention last year. But that notion has been disabused by the organizational energy of Mr. Rob-

ertson's group.

A dozen state Republican organizations are either run by or heavily influenced by Christian Coalition adherents. The television evangelist's group is active in campaigns this fall from Virginia to California. "The tide is turning," said the sign in the hotel ballroom where the coalition met. and none of those present thought

it was turning against them. Church-based political movements are oothing new. Drives for abolition of slavery and outlawing of alcoholie beverages, struggles against war and, most recently, the civil rights movement, had their roots in the pul-

pits and pews. But because they lay claim to a higher motivation, the religious movements tend to take on a tone that can become strident and intolerant. That is what happened when Mr. Robertson and the conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan were given prominent places at the last Republican convention in Houston - alienating

Coalition convention. His welcome gives the lie to the efforts by Mr. Robertson and his smooth coalition into the political mainstream, it was Mr. Reed who an-

talk seriously and focused their remarks to the Christian Coalition last weekend on those mainstream economic matters. Then they read that Mr. Buchanan had trumped them with a speech calling for a new third party if the Republicans so much as trifled with the uncompromising anti-abortion language in their platform. Cheers also

what he calls "a culture war." It was that kind of performance that the Democratie national chairman, David Wilhelm, decried when he spoke, at the invitation of Mr. Reed and Mr. Robertson, to the opening session of the coovention. To the vocal displeasure of the audience, Mr. Wilhelm identified himself as a practicing Christian who is also an advocate of abortion

some voters in the process. Mr. Buchanan was apparently the crowd favorite at the Christian deputy, Ralph Reed, to move the

nounced this spring that the coali-tion was broadening its agenda beyond its focus on abortion, homosexuality and school prayer and would take on the economy, health care and other issues. Speakers like Jack Kemp, Boh Dole and Phil Gramm took this

greeted his shots at Hillary Rod-ham Clinton as the villainess in

rights and, of course, of President Bill Clinton's domestic policies. He said that it was wrong for

By David S. Broder

the coalition to imply that those who disagree with it "have taken an un-Christian position."

"People who organize as Christians should hold themselves to a higher standard," Mr. Wilhelm preached,

Mr. Reed later complained that the Democratic chairman had abused his hospitality and maligned the organization. But oddly, the very press lunch where Mr. Reed took umhrage provided evidence of why organizations should step carefully in linking their political views to any version of scripture. The Christian Coalition, it seems, had flipflopped oo the North American Free Trade Agreement.

During the summer, Mr. Reed had put the organization foursquare hehiod approval of NAFTA. "NAFTA means 150,000 jobs," he said then, "and jobs are at the heart of the pro-

family agenda we promote." But early this month, be said that opposition from other conservatives might force the coalitioo to mute its support. At last week's press lunch, the

endorsement had disappeared. Frankly, I doo't know what the "Christian position" on NAFTA should be, or the Jewish, Muslim or Hindu position, for that mat-ter. But I think it is pretty obvious that the Christian Coalition doeso't know either. A lot of Republicans would welcome Christian Coalition participation in their party more readily if it would concede that oo many vexing issues, the religious right may

not have a monopoly oo truth. The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cementing the Peace

Regarding "Cement Peace Here and There With Development" (Opinion, Sept. 10) by Adnan

Mr. Khashoggi's ideas deserve the world's attention. It is inherent in all conflicts that the resources of the adversaries are dissipated and consequently the people on both sides suffer terribly. Mr. Khashoggi proposes an international agreement to add a flat fee to the price of crude oil. The formula can certainly be adjusted to reflect the internal consumption of crude oil produced by a country that is both a producer and an importer of crude, such as the United States,

The appeal of Mr. Khashoggi's proposal is that political settlement of regional conflicts must be accompanied by opportunities for development and participation in ecocomic projects. As a physician, I would urge that a certain propor-tion of available funds be allocated for public health; vaccinations, clinics, hospitals, child health and

Mr. Khashoggi's proposal is his emphasis on "here and there." The

Mr. Khashoggi's proposal deserves serious consideration.

Considering the current U.S. economic policy of focusing on internal recovery, Mr. Khashoggi's suggestion is possibly the most workable idea for funding the realization of long less in the ization of long-lasting peace in the Middle East. His proposal has credibility. The issues it raises

Mr. Khashoggi shows us an ex-citing direction for the world. We should urge our various govern-ments to let him take leadership to make his program work for countries like Sudan and Somalia countries that Mr. Khashoggi knows well and has shown concern

for in the past: countries that seem to have no way out of civil destruc-tion and disorder which, if not curtailed, might spread.

CLAUDE KIRK North Palm Beach, Florida. The writer was governor of Flori-da from 1966 to 1970.

Right Idea, Wrong Site

It is a mistake of considerable magnitude for the Israelis and the Palestinians to have succumbed to White House temptation. The "cele-bration" in Washington of a most longed-for, yet still very precarious achievement can only weaken the authority, the standing and the following of Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin. America would have better served the peace by an exercise in discretion.

If such a ceremony really was deemed advisable, the "celebration" should have been held in Oslo, where the accord was finally hammered out. Ideally, however, the "celebration" should take place on common ground in a solemn way, part requiem, part thanksgiving. But the logism of obstinacy has

now suffered its first crack - we pray a decisive one - thanks to sistent and courageous men who dared recognize that they had no alternative but to fulfill the will

of the majority. Like Menachem Begin, Yasser

Arafat is a terrorist-turned-statesman. May we encourage more such evolution rather than encourage good young people to become monsters. Let us remember that criminals and the law-abiding are made of the same material and are eventu-

ally responsible for each other. Both Israelis and Palestinians have proven that they are prepared to die for their Holy Land, Now may all of us live for it together.

YEHUDI MENUHIN.

The Price of a Life

Regarding "Is High-Tech Life-Saving Noble or Simply a Waste?" (Opinion, Sept. 1):

Ronald Dworkin refers to the attempt to save the life of Angela Lakeberg as the continuation of the "rescue principle," in which patients whose chances for survival are slim are kept alive at high cost to the finances and resources of our society. He argues that such extreme cases should be left to nature, and the resources used on more viable patients.

It is lucky for me, and thousands of others like me, that Mr. Dworkin's view has not prevailed in the United States, I was born 23 years ago. Because of various congenital complications, extreme medical procedures were required to sustain my life. My parents were

informed that I had only a slim chance of survival. I spent the first 13 months of my life in the neonatal intensive care unit of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

My parents, like the Lakebergs, were unable to pay for all the costs. Once their personal insurance was exhausted, my father took an extra job on the weekends to pay for my medical expenses. The state of Pennsylvania mercifully absorbed the remaining costs.

If Mr. Dworkin requires practical reasons for such extreme measures, let him consider that the procedures used to save my life 23 years ago were relatively new and "high-tech." However, these same procedures are commonplace to-

day throughout the world.

All pioneering medical procedures will be costly and risky initially, yet their eventual benefits may far outweigh their present costs. Who is to say which current procedures will be successful, and which will not, until they have been sufficiently attempted?

If the medical profession lis-tened to people like Mr. Dworkin, then procedures that are commonplace today, such as organ transplants, would not have been developed. I applaud the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for not considering costs above the possibility of saving a child's life.

medical procedures on a solely economic basis.

SCOTT McBRIDE. Paris.

I can't imagine saying to a doctor, "I have analyzed the cost/success probability ratio of the medical treatment to possibly cure and save the life of my (fill in family member) and find it too low to justify treating him/her. Let the patient die so others with a more favorable ratio can be treated.

cured and live." We are not dealing with statistics here but people. If medicine ever forgets itself enough to become a purely bottom-line business, people will return to witch doctors.

ALFRED M. ROSSUM.

Difference in Deputies

Your reporting on the French soccer scandal persists in identify-ing Jacques Mellick as "deputy .1 mayor" of Bethune. The French title depute-maire means he is both mayor of Bethune and its representative in the National Assembly.

NIELS MARQUARDT.

Editor's Note: Mr. Marquardt is correct in his translation of the title deputé-maire." However, Mr. Mellick's office confirms that his French title is "depute-maire adjoint." He is a member of the National Assembly I believe it is dangerous and shortsighted to consider innovative and deputy mayor of Bethune.

BOOKS

A VERY LONG ENGAGE—
we come thrillingly to see, there is sacre in stinking trenches, French nothing in the least ordinary about soldiers were shooting themselves

By Sebastien Japrisot. Translated from the French by Linda Coverdale. 327 pages. \$23. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Reviewed by

Richard Eder.

PROCRASTINATION is the heart of writing, and by that measure, this review starts off with a lot of heart. You can struggle for days, not to say what you want but to resist saving what you don't want. It has been a battle to avoid writing about Sebastien Japrisot's novel about World War I, "A Very Long Engagement" as a kind of latter-day "War and Peace." I lost. It is a kind of "War and Peace."

though in 300 compressed pages it has something of the spaciousness—or to fit it with the Great Novel collar. The Tolstoy reference is specific. "A Very Long Engagement" finds a chilling and bumane way to evoke the trench-fought war of 1914-18, whose self-corrupting stasis was only an extreme variation of what lodges in many other wars. Mathilde, a ehestnut-haired,

This is not to call it an epic -

green-cyed young woman whose independent mind is in no way curbed, quite the contrary, by the fact that she is crippled, and who is fortified by her position as the indulged daughter of a wealthy family, learns in 1917 that her lover has been killed io action. He was a fisherman's son in the Landes. where Mathilde's family goes every summer. After some resistance be had been acknowledged as virtually

It would have been ordinary fading grief; or perhaps not, since, as

Mathilde. But in 1919, a letter comes from a sergeant in a nearby veterans hospital; he is dying and wants to see her. What he has to tell launches a book that is many things: a war story, a story of official corruption, an idyli of young summer love, and a rich and most original panorama of French men and women living in peace and robbed of it. Finally, giving it all an intent energy, it is a bybrid of the

To explain the quest and the intuitive and stuhborn detecting that propel Mathilde and her wheelchair into literary splendor, there is the scrap of history out of which Japrisot has fashioned his novel. lo 1915, after a year of mud and mas-

haps, but more ghastly. The order was kept secret and only con-firmed, 50 years later, with the publication of a fellow-general's mem-

detective story and the classical

Japrisot, lucidly translated by in the hands or leet to get invalided out. General Philippe Petain, the hero of Verdun and, in 1940, of the Vichvites, wanted to shoot 25 of them. Changing his mind, he or-dered something less absolute, perand revelation is both similar and

tt is impossible to describe all the different things the author succeeds in doing without making this into a list; still less is it possible to convey how he does it. His closeups and panoramic views are not only equally totense and compelling, but they merge. There is hardly a detail that does not tell far more than itself.

Linda Coverdale, gives us not only the story but its characters in a series of successive passes, each of which uncovers a new layer of color and configuration.
As for Mathilde, her evolution

She begins with immense charm but with elements of snobbery, willfulness and sentimentality. She be comes a genuine heroine - not of courage and persistence, merely, but of sheer brainy energy — yet the other qualities remain. We do not so much change as grow, Japrisot sug-gests, and nothing is lost. There is a

brilliant light on her from beginning

to end, and her only mystery is that

of a life lived so completely as to entirely fulfill itself. Los Angeles Times Service

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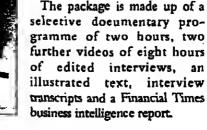
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By Richard Covington

ERLIN - "Berlin used to be a city in which it was impossible to buy a gun," the film director Wim Wenders says. "Now you can get anything you lot of research into the arms trade. One day our art director with the film director wind and the film of the arms trade. One day our art director to the film of the came back and told us be was offered a MiG for sale. We thought it was a joke, but he swore it was true."

If anyone has tracked the soul of Berlin since the fall of the Wall, it has been Wim Wenders. His latest film, "Far Away, So Close!" — which opened this month in Europe — is a post-Wall morality tale, a haunting, meditative fable crying out against a city that has sold its soul. After the cuphoria of unity, paradise was lost with a vengeance. In "Far Away," another fallen angel — Cassiel, not Lucifer — descends to redeem, not all humanity, only the remnants of one Berlin family victims of history. family, victims of history.

"Far Away. So Close!" — which was awarded the Jury Grand Prize at the Cannes festival in May — is the sequel to "Wings of Desire," a metaphysical parable mourning the divided Berlin of six years ago.

"In 1987, no one could imagine that the Wall would fall, that men, like angels could cross the border," Wenders said in a recent interview. "When the Wall did fall, the whole world seemed to go off the rails. For an instant, the world seemed more reasonable. But soon enough, new wars flared up, looking everywhere for - and finding -new enemies. It was this moment or never to take up the story of Cassiel and

to integrate it into the events that had taken place in Berlin.

"It was not a question of whipping up a proven recipe with

Wings of Desire 2.' We only wanted to revive the metaphor of the angel and the city." "Wings" ended with Cassiel perched atop the statue of a

gilded angel. He gazes down on Berlin, longing to become human like his fellow angel. In "Far Away," Cassiel, played by the German actor Otto Sander, takes the plunge—literally. Angels can only watch over men; they cannot interfere in their lives. By diving to earth to catch a girl who falls off a belocaty Costill though himself into the world of falls off a balcony, Cassiel thrusts himself into the world of time. Like the other Berliners around him, the fallen angel faces a newfound freedom and all its confusions. He becomes a drunk, holds up a convenience store, then decides to

"Why can't I be good?" he asks Lou Reed, taking the rocker's lyric as his anthem. In no time, he has cleaned up his



Wim Wenders, tracking the soul of Berlin.

act and unwittingly embroiled himself in a new business -

trading pornographic films for weapons. Why can't he be You go anywhere in the East these days, in the smallest villages, and always the first new shop to open with something from the West is a video store," Wenders says. "They stock the worst sex and violence films that we in the West have grown

bored with. All they have to offer in trade is arms." Wenders composes scenes with the painterly precision and compressed emotion of a Remaissance master; the death of Cassiel is a conscious evocation of Caravaggio's "Deposition of Christ." When he turns to philosopby, his hand is less assured. It's an ambitious reach to squeeze divagations on time, on film's betrayal of reality, on the realm of the invisible, on the failures of Nazism and communism — all this into one film. Most of it works, but there is a bit that Wenders's pen?

Ozing an oily malevolence, Willem Dafoe plays Emit Flesti — that's Time Itself backwards — and pops up periodically with zen-like aphorisms about time. "Time is not money," says Flesti puzzlingly, "time is the absence of money." Despite the jury prize, the fair received mixed reviews at

Cannes. Over the summer, the director cut 20 minutes. Still two hours and 15 minutes long, the trimmed version never seems to lag. "The same reviewers who panned the film at Cannes see it now and wonder why they didn't like it," Wenders says. One obvious reason may have been that they were expecting another "Wings of Desire." The latest film is both more ambitious and less engaging than "Wings." which

was fundamentally a love story.

Unlike "Wings," which was largely written by the Austrian playwright and novelist Peter Handke, the script for "Far Away" was very much a collaborative free-for-all. Wenders and his co-writers, Ulrich Zieger and Richard Reitinger, conceived most of the scenes, but the actors chipped in their suggestions as well — in German, English, French, Italian and Russian. Wenders retained this Babel of languages to have the film serve as a metaphor for Europe.

Spontaneity has been a Wenders hallmark ever since he co-founded a production company in 1971 with another spontaneous German, Rainer Werner Fassbinder. At 48, Wenders is hardly a gray eminence of European cinema, but he is an authentic auteur, one of the few of his generation to inherit the mantle from earlier masters like Bergman and

Fellini, Truffaut and Buffuel.
"Far Away, So Close!" is the director's 14th feature film. After years spent scraping together financing for his last feature, the 1991 film, "Until the End of the World," Wenders determined to produce "Far Away" on his own. The \$14 million budget was about half that for "Until the End of the World."

"I felt much more comfortable with the lower budget," he says. "It's about my limit of what I can raise without having

to scramble for co-production financing."

After "Far Away, So Close!" opens in the United States in November, Wenders plans to spend the winter writing his next film. "All I know is that it's a detective story and that I'll be shooting it in black and white," he says. "Dennis Hopper once told me not to volunteer too much information; I've taken his

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Kathryn Gamberoni as Monroe in the New York City Opera's "Marilyn."

Pinter Back With Vengeance in 'Moonlight'

By Sheridan Morley International Herali Tribune

ONDON - At the Almeida, "Moonlight" cer-tainly becomes Harold Pinter. His first fulllength (well, 75 minutes, full-length by his recent standards) play since it ends, claiming to be a local Chi"Betrayal" back in 1978 is also by far his most accomplished and phone them with the news. complete since then. It tells of a rage against the dying of the light; Andy, played by Ian Holm in an equally welcome return to fullforce theatricality, is refusing to go gently into that good night, and around his deathbed an assortment of friends and relatives are wreaking revenge for his life as a distinctly uncivil servant.

feared, but kept my obscene language for home, where it belongs"). Then there are their two sons, the brothers back from "The Home-

coming" but now determined to deny their father's existence even as Add two superior, sinister neighbors who have almost certainly had

affairs with the parents, and a teenage daughter, almost certainly dead, who wanders among them as a reminder of the grandchildren they were denied, and you have all the ingredients that go into Pin-teresque: menace with mirth, the weasel under the cocktail cabinet, There's Anna Massey as the chilly the roll calls of long-forgotten

gerous conversation.
"Moonlight" marks a return to
Pinter's theater theatrical after the more sketchy and desiccated civilrights fragments of recent time, and Its importance lies not only in its homecoming to "The Homecoming" but also in its recognition of the vaudeville of life and death; "Enough to make the cat laugh; do we have a cat?" David Leveaux's production is a miracle of intelligent stagecraft, and richly deserves a West End transfer.

In the end, it is of course entirely possible that the whole of "Moonlight" may be a dream rather than a dance of death: certainly the performances of Anna Massey and Claire Skinner as her ghostly daughter have an ethereal quality, superbly wife, waiting only for the end of a names that may once have had contrasted with the earthy double-

lines of waking and sleeping, living and dying. It is life seen in a half-light of forgotten memories and remembered sorrows, and I do not see how it can be missed.

At Hampstead, Stephen Jef-freys's "A Going Concern" is a courageously antobiographical ac-count of a family business going,

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going, gone. In this case it is his own. An old-established firm of billiard-table manufacturers is torn apart by three generations of internecine family warfare and the coming of American pool, But Jeffreys has always been good on work-in-progress and what plays so well bere is the minute observation of old-fashioned craftsmen suddenly brought into a new world where their crafts are no longer required.

has looked ahead and not liked what it saw: "It's the future, mostly manages to bring his career and plastic." "A Going Concern" is their world crashing to the ground about the past, mostly nostalgic, and about the fact that the best world in which they are all living. families make the worst partners.

At the Royal Court, Terry John-metaphors for the bleak impersonson's "Hysteria" is another of his ality of multinational business "what if" psycho-farces. After the meeting of Marilyn Monroe and meeting of Marilyn Monroe and Einstein for "Insignificance," he now gives us the meeting of Salvador Dali and Freud in immediately bauntingly well played in a producdor Dali and Freud in immediately hauntingly well played in a produc-prewar Hampstead. The encounter tion by Jack Gold.

marriage he has made miserable some shadowy significance but are ("No civil servant ever gives house now used as an escape from dan-room to love: I was envied and gerous conversation." act of the uncaring brothers (Midd in fact take place, and around it chael Sheen and Douglas Hodge). Johnson has constructed a won-moonlight hovers on the border- drous comedy of mistaken identity that darkens into a Freudian case history gone horribly awry.

> Phyllida Lloyd's infinitely agile production gives us three great performances: Henry Goodman as a Feydeanesque Freud, forever bolt-ing the stable door after the neurotic symptoms have bolted; Tim Potter as a gangling, manic Dali watching his own clocks melt into the walls, and Phoebe Nicholls as the girl in the cupboard who is also the cause of all the trouble. "Hysteria" is that contemporary rarity, hugely thoughtful and brilliantly developed farce which knows exactly when the laughter has to stop.

T the Tricycle, "Three Hotels" is a rapid transfer from off-Broadway of Jon Robin Baitz's drama of multinational and domestic corruption. The play takes the form of a set of monologues, three The white heart of the 1960s in this case of which the first and technological revolution has gone a last are delivered by Peter Egan as bit cool around the workplace of the high-flying but seldom-landing Chapel Brothers. Senior parental executive of a powdered-milk conby Lindsay Duncan as the wife who

Baitz uses his three hotel rooms as

Marilyn, Now an Opera

Dying young

on Marilyn

Monroe's fame.

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Where Popular Culture Dances With High Art

By Leo Braudy New York Times Service

EW YORK -- Who was Marilyn Monroe, and why do we keep talking about her?
The books and articles started during her life and have only increased since her suicide in 1962. Even at the time, her films could easily be read as chunks of displaced autobiography, served up for her audience to put together with the actual life being played out in the newspapers.

Since her death, her story has been endlessly retold, analyzed and even caricatured: her unhappy childhood, her physical beauty, her esthetic aspirations, her marriages, her affairs, her cultural significance and even - every once in a while - her movies.

"The candle burned out long ago, The legend never did," Elton John sang about her in "Candle in the Wind." Now it is the New York City Opera's turn to

Ezra Laderman and libretto by

Norman Rosten, is scheduled for Oct. 6 as part of a premiere festival celebrating the company's 50th anrector and designer; Kathryn Gamberoni plays Monroe.

Dying young certainly put the seal on Monroe's fame. Along with James Dean and Elvis Presley, John and Robert Kennedy, Mal-colm X and Martin Luther King

Jr., she stands preserved in the amber of the American imagination, an unfinished per- 1973 book "Marilyn: An Untold Story," son whose meaning can be constantly argued, whose possibilities death made endless.

But beyond the specifies of body, breathy voice, and walk, Monroe always had more. In Nicolas Roeg's 1985 film "Insignificance," she stands with Einstein, DiMaggio and McCarthy as an emblem of the age. In DiMaggio and McCarthy as an emblem of the age. In John Woo's 1990 Hong Kong film "Bullet in the Head," the hero parts crowds for his young wife by proclaiming, "Here comes Marilyn Mouroe": a tribnute to a goddess whose way of defining beauty transcends her own ethnicity.

Monroe was a public person, and in her comic films and her early interviews she mocked the excesses of Monroe opera. "But when we started working on it," be said, "I realized his hunch was absolutely right. Writing it was a kind of joy, like picking up with an old

Clift, Dean, Taylor), an essential part of her appeal was not the comic control but the potential dissolution. Through her marriages and divorces, her miscar-riages and troubles with the studio, what she increasingly publicized was often a fragile private self.

opera as an exclusive high-culture realm is a prejudice based primarily on language differences. In Italy, of course, opera is popular culture.

With such recent works as "Einstein on the Beach," "Nixon in China" and "The Death of Klinghoffer," include not just everyday characters and situations but also those larger-than-life stones everyone is so familiar with from news and gossip.

The promise of "Marilyn" the coars in a state of the promise of the pro

staples of the 19th- and 20th-century operatic heroine. There is a long list of such characters, many of whom commit actual or virtual suicide as their final defiance of a world that cannot accept them.

The formula for "Marilyn" might be "La Traviata" crossed with "Adriana Lecouvreur"; the fragile temptress and the passionate actress undone by conspiracy Fame and Its History."

are also heroines ultimately based on real people. Or if you like the precedent of the woman of emotional authority undone by the tunnel-vision male politician. the "Dido and Aeneas" to "Madama Butterfly" line may be more enticing.

Yet whatever its respectable operatic genealogy, La-derman and Rosten's "Marilyn" promises to be some-thing different. Laderman is the dean of the Yale School of Music and the author of several previous operas as well as many symphonic and chamber works.

In line with City Opera's rightful pride in its record of commissioning operas from American composers, Laderman says "Marilyn" gave him the opportunity to write a work that was particularly close to his own sense of what is essentially American, mixing tonal and atonal music, jazz, folk and pop within the com-

did," Elton John sang about her in "Candle in the Wind." Now it is the New York City Opera's turn to keep that legend atlame.

The world premiere of "Marilyn," with music by The world that she inhabited, that was

very close to my own history. I wasn't thinking of her as a proto-type of anything. She's perfect for opera — a vulnerable, flawed, enwhy her story has become mythic is a mystery to me. I was interested in her as a subject for opera because of her human qualities."

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The basic idea for the opera came to Laderman one day in Ros-ten's Brooklyn Heights study, when he noticed a copy of Rosten's

Rosten and his wife had been friends of Monroe during the last seven years of her life, and the book is an affectionate memoir with a nicely judged sense of her entrapment between the desire for celebrity and her often desperate retreat to "normal" friendships

Writing it was a kind of joy, like picking up with an old friend after too many years. She was our collaborator. I could almost feel her sending ectoplasmic warnings when we got off on the wrong track."

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iages and troubles with the studio, what she increas-ngly publicized was often a fragile private self.

So why not Monroe in opera? The American view of amalgamated from various lovers, friends and bosses. Sometimes resemblances to real people emerge, and her appearance at JFK's birthday party at Madison Square Garden makes a crucial scene. But in the midst of this all-too-public life, many of the details — like her admiration for Rodin's "Hand of God" — come American opera has begun to draw on current history, from Rosten's memoir, the private observations of a updating turn-of-the-century theories of verismo to resting turn-of-the-century turn-of-the-century

iar with from news and gossip.

Monroe's iconography yokes together the mystic priestess and the woman destroyed by passion, both along with her pathos and her vulnerability, not reductive to the control of the local state ing her story to expose or gossip but taking it through feeling and music into a more spacious realm. Marilyn Monroe, born Norma Jean Mortenson,

would have been 68 this year.

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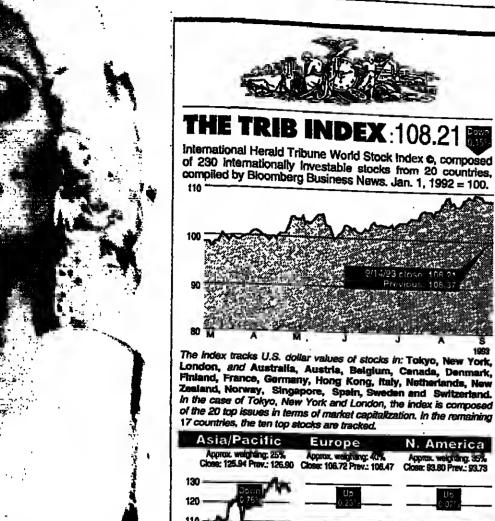
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As Bookstores Get Bigger,

Are They Getting Better?

By Sarah Lyall

There sits the new age of bookselling, a six-month-old Crown Books superstore that offers a dizzying number of titles, a no-frills feel and, most important, steep discounts on every book. "If you

consumer habits and too-strong competition from national chains. "I feel bad for Kroch's because they've been around for so long," she said. "But do I feel bad about shopping here instead? No,

What is happening, here and around the country, is nothing less than a full-scale war over the future of bookselling — not just over where books are sold, but very possibly over how they are pub-

HICAGO — To understand something of the sea change taking place in bookselling across the United States it helps to visit the flagship store of Kroch's & Brentano's, Chicago's proud old bookstore chain, and take a look

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lished, distributed and marketed On one side are the independent bookstores, many founded years ago by people who always seemed to know more about books than ago oy people who always seemed to know more about books than about business, and who made their mark with intimate understanding of their customers' tastes. Opposed are the national chains, which are using classic retailing strategies to flood the market with stores that offer discounts, coffee bars and reading nooks but which, in the minds of independents, seem to care more about profits than books. It is not just Crown that is threatening Kroch's. Virtually every major national bookstore chain has muscled into the Chicago market, blanketing its downtown and suburbs with names like Barnes & Noble, B. Dalton, Waldenbooks, Borders and even Waterstone's, the British chain. Many of the new stores are superstores, which can offer more than 100,000 titles. about profits than books. "I think many independents are going to find it difficult to compete with the superstores," said Walter Loeb, a retail consultant in New York. "Many of them don't have the assortment and the See BOOKS, Page 13

Deep Loss Is Seen At SEAT

It Plans Job Cuts, Plant Sale to VW

AFP-Exad News

BARCELONA - SEAT SA expects a loss of around 100 billion pesetas (\$783 million) this year, and will undergo a restructuring that in-cludes an injection of funds from its parent, Volkswagen AG, and may involve work force cuts, the Spanish automaker said Tuesday.

The loss forecast for SEAT is larger than one of about \$550 million given by Volkswagen last week, when the German company said it would itself post a loss for 1993 as a result of the problems at

SEAT, whose full name is Sociedad Española de Automóviles de Turismo, had a net loss of 12.76 pesetas in 1992.

The Spanish company, 99 perthe spanish company, 99 per-cent held by Volkswagen, said that its board had approved the sale of SEAT's Pampiona plant, which makes VW Polo cars, and the financing company FISEAT to Volkswagen. The parent would in-return inject 120 billion pesetas into SEAT.

"This is a first step on the road to a definitive restructuring of the Spanish company and is also a confirmation of Volkswagen's confi-dence in SEAT's future," SEAT

The board has asked SEAT's executive committee to draw up a restructuring plan for the company and to "adopt all the necessary measures, including the reduction

in work force," SEAT said; SEAT, reiterating a statement it made early this month, said its serious financial situation stemmed from the high costs of investment and the 30 percent depreciation of the peseta against the Deutsche mark in the last 12 months.

The company said the costs of renovating the range of cars built at the plant and the decline in sales in the main European markets have also affected SEAT's financial situ-

HOUSTON — Compaq Computer Corp. announced Tuesday that it would develop

with Intel Corp. and Microsoft Corp. a \$500 mobile compan-

ion," a portable personal com-puter that would compete with

Apple Computer Inc.'s Newton.
The new hand-held product,

to go on sale next year, would lag behind the first generation

of personal communicators shipped by rivals, including Ap-ple Computer Inc., which said Tuesday that it has sold about

10,000 Newton MessagePads

since they went on sale at the

beginning of August.

"Alliances, powerful alliances" are key to success in developing products that "merge the personal computer with communications and entertain-

ment functions," said Eckhard Pfeiffer, Compaq's president, at the opening of Compaq's Inno-vate '93 conference here. Intel

and Microsoft are market leaders in semiconductors and soft-

"We can't afford to develop

ware, respectively.

Compaq, Allies to Sell

'Mobile Companion'

Unit Would Compete With Newton

oped a set of chips that combine PC functions with the memory,

video and audio requirements of a mobile companion. The mo-

bile companion alliance

strengthens ties among Compaq. Microsoft and Intel, and pulls in VLSI Technology Inc., of which Intel owns a 16 percent.

The planned product, to be designed and sold by Compaq, will be a highly portable exten-

sion of user's primary desktop or notebook PCs, Compaq said. Originally, it will weigh two pounds (900 grams), but Com-

paq expects to shrink it to one

pound. Apple's Newton Messa-

Compaq said the instruments could be used for instant infor-

mation access. They are targeted, at least initially, for busin

The Newton MessagePad.

Apple's product, is a hand-held computer that fits into a jacket pocket, costs about \$700 and acts a kind of electronic diary.

gcPad weighs 0.9 pound.

GM Returns to Argentina

Venture Seen as Vote of Confidence

By Nathaniel C. Nash

New York Times Service **BUENOS AIRES** — Fifteen years ago, General Motors Corp. left Argentina, fed up with coups, military governments and economic policies that produced

only inflation and instability. For Argentina, the closing of GM's two plants was more than just the departure of a giant foreign corporation. It symbolized industrial descent, a country abandoned by most internation-

But things change, and GM has now come back to Argentina. Last month, President Carlos Sail Menem signed an agreement reopening the country's doors to the world's largest automaker. In a joint venture with Cidea, the local assembler and distributor of Renault cars, a \$100 million factory is scheduled to start making GM pickup tracks next year, eventually pro-

ducing 25,000 a year.

Just as GM's departure in 1978 was an emblem for Argentina's breakdown, the company's return is a sign of revival, a signal that rejuvenating policies — open markets, low inflation, stable currencies and sales of staterim enterprises - are believed to

be here to stay.
This is an international vote of confidence of enormous proleading industrial company come to Argentina," Manuel F. Antelo, president of Cidea, said. This without a doubt will lead

to other companies following General Motors to Argentina." Though GM's initial investment in Argentina is tiny com-pared with the billions of dollars the company pours into new

come in and capture market share and profits and not have to take it away from anyone.' Leo Kunigk,

president of General

Motors of Argentina.

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models in the United States, Latin American sales are nevertheless creating income when carmakers

are struggling to be profitable in their largest markets. Latin sales are exploding, in fact. In 1990, fewer than 100,000 cars were sold in Argentina. Then came Mr. Menem's economie changes and a lowering of tariffs. Car sales rose 40 percent in 1991, doubled in 1992 and are up 40 percent so far this year. Auto-company executives esti-

Throughout Latin America, the same kind of statistics are scen as these economies grow more rapidly than those of the developed countries. In Colombia, car sales will double this year. In Venezuela, they have risen 80 percent in the last two

In Brazil, car sales are up 50 percent this year and may reach record 1.2 million. Some analysts are saying that sales throughout Latin America could surpass the record of 2.4 million cars and trucks set in 1980.

"If you look around the world, where are the tremendous growth opportunities?" Steven T. Darch, general director of Banco Mariva in Buenos Aires, said. "One of the few places is Latin America."

Now there is a rush of manufacturers from South Korea, Japan, Europe and the United States into these countries to get a piece of the market.

On the same day that GM's return to Argentina was signed by Mr. Menem, Mazda Motor Corp. signed contracts with the government to set up a \$35 million assembly plant for pickup trucks. Industry executives in Argentina say unofficially that Chrysler Corp. and Honda Mo-

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German GDP Contracted 2% **In First Half**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BONN — The German economy contracted 2 percent in the first half of 1993, but the trade balance showed an unexpectedly bige surplus, the government said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Federation of German Industry issued a gloomy report on the country's economic prospects. While it said the down-turn was coming to an end, the federation warned against a "prema-ture interpretation" of recent data as

signs of a recovery. "Negative indi-cators outweigh tentative positive signs by far," the group cautioned. The economy remains bogged down by weak demand, the sluggish U.S. recovery, the appreciation of the mark and curbs in public mark and curbs in pub

lic spending, the report said. The government said united Germany's gross domestic product shrank 2 percent in the first six months from the year-earlier period.

In the formerly communist Eastern Germany, the economy grew 6.2 percent in the first half of the year, slower than the 10.1 percent growth rate seen in the second half of 1992. Figures released last week showed west German GDP dropped 2.6 percent in the first half.

Economics Minister Gilnter Rexrodt hailed the east German growth figure as evidence that recovery was well under way in the depressed region and said the government's forecast of 5 percent growth there this year might be exceeded.

Analysts, however, remained skeptical. The figures tell you that west Germany is in a deep recession and that east Germany is in the middle of a structural crisis," said Jörg Beyfuss, economie spe-cialist at the Cologne-based Insti-tut für Wirtschaftsforschung.

Economists said the figures confirmed Western Germany's recession was delaying recovery in the East. "It will take a long time before east Germany can achieve self-propelling growth," said Stefan Schneider of Nomura Research Deutschland GmbH in Frankfurt.

On trade, the Statistics Office said

the June surplus rose to 6.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$3.93 billion) in June from 5.2 billion DM in May. The surplus in the first six months of the year was 22.6 billion DM, up from 13.3 billion DM a year earlier. Economists said the data were better than expected but they predicted the surplus would deteriorate in the second half as the strong mark

makes exports expensive. Andrea Gubitz, an economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt, said the longer-term threat to German exporters came not so much from the strength of the mark as from the high domestic cost pressures that have built up since unification.

She said Germany faced increasingly competitive rivals on the export front and warned against the assumption that exports would automatically improve if the mark the weakens. (Reuters, AP, Bloomberg)

Crédit Lyonnais To Sell a Third Of Its UAF Unit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher PARIS — Crédit Lyonnais said Tuesday it would sell onethird of its insurance unit, Union des Assurances Feder-ales through a public offering.

Proceeds from the sale, which the company estimated at 1.5 billion francs (\$268 million), would allow state-con-trolled Credit Lyonnais to in-crease its capital. It badly needs shoring up, given the bank faces an estimated net loss in 1993 of 1 billion to 2 billion French francs, analysts said.

The bank is on the list of 21 state-owned companies the government of Prime Minster Edouard Balladur wants to privatize over the next three years.

(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

American to Cut 5,000 Jobs

The sirline plans to retire 11 DC-10s in addition to to \$64, in late New York Stock Exchange trading.

NEW YORK -- American Airlines plans to slim down by cutting 5,000 jobs by the end of next year,

retiring jets and eventually selling assets such as main-tenance bases, the company's leader said Tuesday. The airline plans to eliminate 5 percent of its work force between now and the end of 1994, Robert L. Crandall, chairman and chief executive of AMR Corp., told reporters and Wall Street analysts. The figure of 5,000 includes management job cuts of around 650 announced earlier, said AMR, American's parent.

Overall next year, American Airlines is scheduled to reduce its capacity to fly passengers by 4.5 percent,

the 31 already planned for grounding, he said. He added that American also plans to reduce some of its trans-Atlantic flights this winter.

The airline has suffered losses of more than \$1.2 billion since 1990 because of pricing wars such as the one that broke out this week, a decline in passengers and a glut of capacity. To deal with the situation, Mr. Crandall has worked

to shrink the company, steering away from money-losing routes and concentrating on profitable opera-tions, such as advising other airlines. The stock market reacted coolly to the new cost-cutting measures, and AMR's stock fell 75 cents a share,

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Inflation Data Dents **Bonds and Stocks**

nberg Business News NEW YORK - U.S. stocks declined Tuesday as an unexpected jump in August consumer prices sent long-term interest rates soaring, while a weak retail sales report raised concerns about the econom-

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 18.45, at 3615.76. J.P. Morgan & Co., part of the

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interest-rate-sensitive banking sector, led the decline.

Decliners outpaced gainers by a 2-to-1 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange, where 259 million shares changed hands in active trading. Treasury bond yields surged after the Labor Department said the consumer price index rose 0.3 percent in

August. The inflation report stunned traders since it followed Friday's report that producer prices declined 0.6 percent last month. The yield on the benchmark 30year bond leaped to 5.98 percent from 5.87 percent late Monday. "Everybody was expecting infla-tion to be dead, but the CPI was up

more than expected," said Dale Tills, manager of institutional equities trading at Charles Schwab & Co. in San Francisco. Rising interest rates diminish the allure of stocks relative to fixed-income in-

vestments.

Also Tuesday, the Commerce
Department said retail sales rose

lysts called sluggish.

"The economy has no momentum, and that's reflected in retail sales," said Grace Messner, a portfolio manager who oversees about \$170 million in assets for Wilmington Trust Co. "There's growing concern that profit expectations might be a little excessive."

The surge in bond yields took a toll on shares of banking companies, whose earnings benefit from falling interest rates.

J.P. Morgan shares tumbled 24 to 75% after an analyst at PaineWebber Inc. reduced his investment rating of Morgan and Bankers Trust New York Corp. to "unattractive." Bankers Trust fell 2½ to 80.

conductor stocks were roiled after Compaq Computer on Monday projected little growth in the indus-try's North American sales in the second half, Compaq, which said Tuesday it was working on a new portable product, recovered 3¼ to 56½, after tumbling 4¼ in thirdmarket trading Monday.

Intel sagged 1½ to 63%, Microsoft lost 1½ to 75%, Apple fell 1 to 24% and IBM eased ½ to 43%.

Airline stocks fell after Northwest Airlines touched off a round of fare cuts and American Airlines an-nounced big layoffs. Delta slid 1% to 52%; UAL, parent of United, dropped 44 to 1424; and AMR, American's parent, fell % to 64%.

Dollar Shrugs Off News Of Consumer Price Rise

NEW YORK - The dollar finished little changed against the Deutsche mark and slipped against the yen on Tuesday as traders and early August. shrugged off a larger-than-expected increase in U.S. consumer prices.

Rising prices usually bolster the Foreign Exchange

dollar because investors assume the Federal Reserve Board will raise interest rates to control inflation. That did not happen on Tues-

day. The 0.3 percent jump in August consumer prices failed to spur dollar purchases, in part because recent economic data has been so poor, traders and analysts said. The dollar finished at 1.6098 DM, up just a little from Monday's close of 1.6077 DM. It fell to 105.85

yen from 106.25 yen. "Even with today's increase, inflation is still stuck at a mild 2.8 percent," said Win Thin, economist at MCM CurrencyWatch. "Slow growth is still the problem for the U.S. economy, not inflation."

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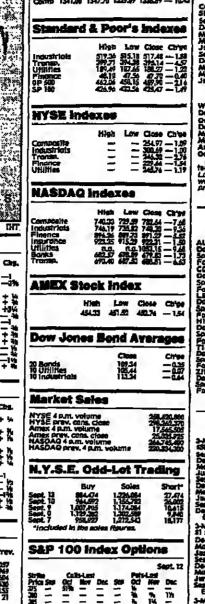
Concern that European central banks were selling dollars for marks also weighed on the dollar. European Community central banks have

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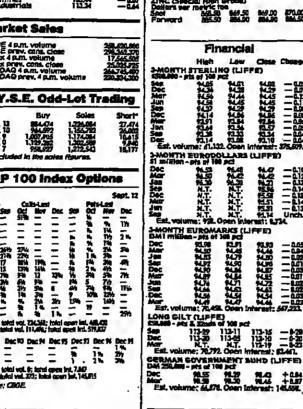
The dollar slid against the yen after Japanese institutional investors dumped Australian-dollar-denominated investments in favor of

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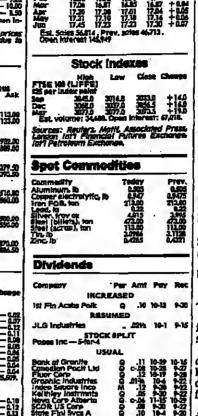
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Reebok Hires a New Ad Agency STOUGHTON, Massachusetts (UPI) - Reebok International Ltd. said Tuesday it has awarded its \$140 million yearly advertising account to Leo Burnett, dropping Chiat/Day and Euro RSGC and citing its need to expand in foreign markets.

Red by the No. 2 American maker of athletic footwear after Nike Inc...

said the move was part of a consolidation of its global advertising and

marketing programs.

"This was a difficult decision in light of the quality creative work and established working relationship between Reebok, our lead creative established working relationship between Reebok, our lead creative agency, Chiat/Day, and our pan-European agency, Euro RSCG," said agency, chiat/Day, and our pan-European agency, Euro RSCG," said Daye Ropes, vice president of marketing services for Reebok.

He said, "Reebok's continued expansion throughout the global marketplace and significant increase in market share in key international markets were significant factors in our choice of Leo Burnett."

Trade Deficit Is Near a 5-Year High

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. trade deficit, by its broadest

washington (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit, by its broadest measure, widehed 21 percent in the second quarter from the first period to nearly a five-year high, the government said Tuesday.

The current-account deficit came to \$26.93 billion, compared with \$22.31 billion in the first quarter. It was the largest quarterly deficit since the fourth quarter of 1988, when the gap was \$32.96 billion. The current account measures trade in merchandise and services as well as investment flows between countries.

flows between countries. Separately, the government said retail sales rose a modest 0.2 percent last month, while consumer prices rose 0.3 percent, higher than many economists had expected.

Car Sales Dip as GM Results Weaken

DETROIT (Bloomberg) — U.S. car sales in early September slowed to an annual rate of 6.4 million, as the industry leader General Motors Corp. posted weak results because of shortages and as sales of Japanese-brand cars were boosted by buyers seeking to beat price increases for 1994.

Most Japanese-based automakers building vehicles in the United States posted stronger-than-expected car sales for early September, as did second ranked Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp.

But the industry's annual pace for the latest period was dragged down by GM, whose vehicle sales fell 15 percent from the year-earlier period.

Amoco to Develop Siberian Oilfield

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Amoco Corp. said it had received an offer from Russia to develop an oilfield in western Siberia that the company said may contain more than 5 billion barrels of recoverable crude oil. Details of the financing or timing of the development were not disclosed, pending negotiation of a production contract for the Priobskoye field. Amoco said the field would probably cost billions of dollars to develop. The area currently produces about 10,000 barrels a day of oil from fewer than 200 wells 1,000 miles east of Moscow.

Amoco's Russian subsidiary, Amoco Eurasia Petroleum Co., is to develop the field in the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Region of Siberia with two Russian companies, Yuganskneftegaz and Yugraneft.

For the Record

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the New York Mercantile Exchange agreed to develop a system to process the \$60 trillion in futures contracts that trade on the two exchanges each year. (Bloomberg) Cincinnati Bell Inc. said it had agreed in principle to acquire First Data Corp.'s telemarketing unit, Wats Marketing. Terms were not disclosed.

Spelling Entertainment Group Inc., which is controlled by Blockbuster. Entertainment Corp., has agreed to acquire Republic Pictures Corp. —of which Blockbuster already controls 35 percent -- for \$13 a share, or \$100

News America Corp.'s purchase of the New York Post was approved by a federal bankruptcy court judge. Rupert Murdoch's News America has been operating the paper since March 29. (Rewers)

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dency. "The room for maneuvering is very narrow. Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's vice president for external economic affairs, met twice Monday with Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, in search of concessions to offer the French without actually renegotiating the

farm subsidy deal. "We're not going to reopen Blair

House - we made that quite clear him President Bill Clinton would to Sir Leon," Mr. Kantor said. Mr. Toubon told the daily Le Figaro that Washington was fighting to have trade in cultural goods

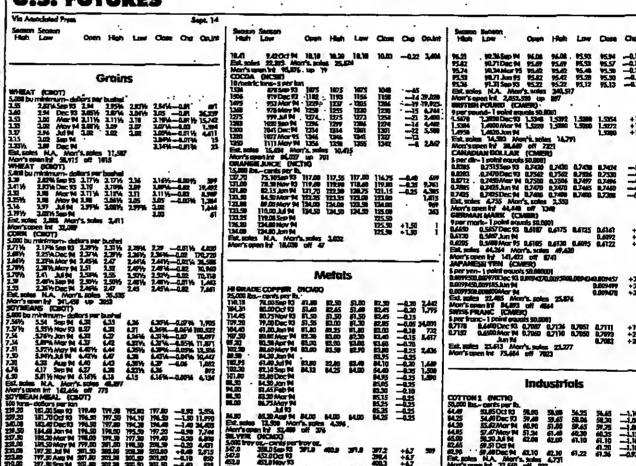
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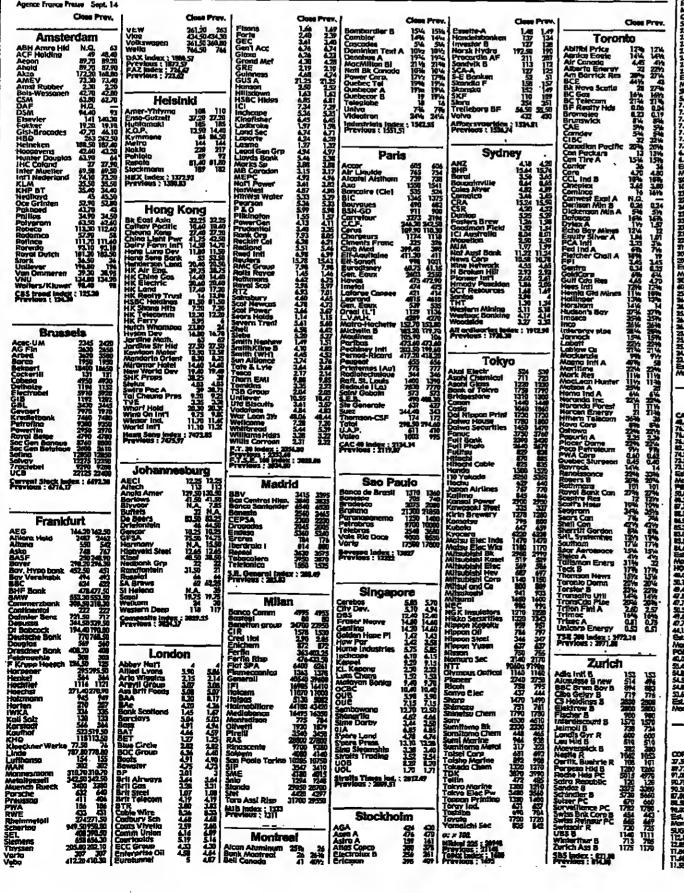
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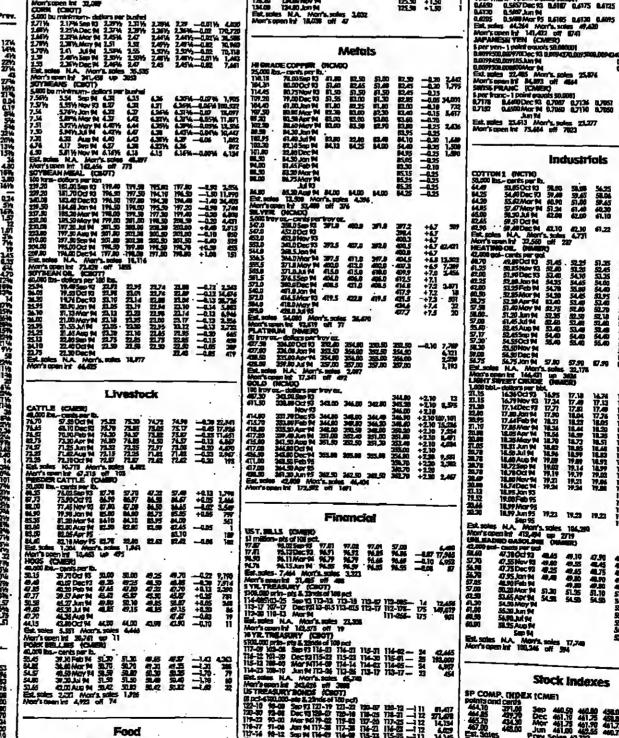
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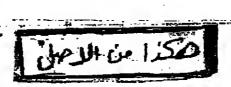
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Accord With Spain Boosts EC Remake Of Steel Industry

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS - The EC Commission said Tuesday it had negotiated an agreement with Spain over subsidies that should help its effort to restructure the steel industry throughout the Community.

A spokesman said the accord. which the commission was about to approve in outline, involved reduced state aid and the privatization of a planned steel mill.

The commission expects to resolve a similar dispute with Italy over the state-owned steelmaker Ilva SpA by mid-October, the spokesman said.

Its overall plan includes gaining commitments to limit the amount of state aid the governments of Ita-ly, Spain and Germany will give their steel companies.

The spokesman said private steel-makers now must do their share by agreeing to the cuts in capacity de-manded by the Community as part of its plan to revive the industry. The commission wants the industry to cut its capacity by about 20 percent, or 30 million tons of

crude steel and 19 million tons of

rolled products. The spokesman said the cots were necessary because steel sales and prices have continued to plummet. Sales have fallen by more than 5 percent this year and prices have dropped 10 percent since the beginning of the year, he said.

The commission originally gave companies a deadline of Sept. 30 to come up with a restructuring plan, but the date has been pushed back because of difficulties in resolving steel-subsidy cases in Spain, Italy and Eastern Germany, The Spanish case involved the

government's plan to invest in a restructuring that would group two

Corporación Siderurgia Integral. The spokesman for the commission said Spain had agreed to reduce its aid to the venture from 3.6 billion European Currency Units (\$4.31 billion) to 2.8 billion Ecus and to privatize a planned mill at

Sestao in the Basque region. In another case, the East German privatization agency Treuhandanstalt is expected to make decisions about privarizing Eko Stahl AG this mooth, he said.

Belgium, which currently holds the EC presidency, plans to seek a special meeting of industry minis-ters in late October to resolve subsidy cases. (Reaters, Bloomberg)

BT, Santander In Data Venture

MADRID - British Telecom PLC and the Spanish banking company Grupo San-tander SA are creating a venture to provide data communications to Spanish businesses,

the partners said Tuesday.

The director-general of the new company, Teofilo del Pozo, said the company expected ar-nual revenue of 100 billion pese-tas (\$780 million) by 2003, based on its market share fore-

cast and growth projections.

He said the company will use as its foundation Santander's Megared SA data communications unit, whose capital of 1 billion pesetas is to be in-creased to 3.1 billion as soon as the company has received required approvals. (AFX, AFP)

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Very briefly: Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

 Bank for International Settlements named John Crow, governor of the Bank of Canada, as its chairman. Lamberto Dini, director general of the Bank of Italy, was named vice chairman.

• British business failures fell 25 percent between April and June, to 1,433 from 1,911 a year earlier, the British trade credit insurer Trade Indemnity PLC said. British manufactured production, meanwhile, rose by 0.7 percent in July from the figure in June, more than expected.

 Strabag AG will raise 85.5 million Dentsche marks (\$53 million) in fresb capital by selling new shares. The company will give existing shareholders the right to buy one new share for 350 DM for every nine they already hold. • Delta PLC, the electrical equipment company, said pretax profit fell 6 percent in the first half of 1993, to £29.11 million (\$44 million) from £30.97 million a year earlier, because of depressed markets in continental Europe and an only limited economic recovery in Britain and Australia.

• The EC Commission said it had no antitrust problems with British Telecom's plans to take a 20 percent stake in MCI Communications Corp. · Lafarge-Coppée SA will raise capital by "around 2.5 billion francs" (\$445 million), executives said; the cash would be used to develop the cement company's activities in high-growth countries and new products.

GM: Argentina Hails Automaker's Plan to Return as Vote of Confidence

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tor Co. are studying setting up op-

erations as well. Volkswagen AG has established a joint venture with Ford Motor Co, called Autolatina. And in Peru, the South Koreao company Darwoo Corp. has decided to in-vest \$35 million to assemble cars

"If yoo are an automaker operating in the United States, every bit of new market share you win is at the expense of another company, which means costly competition," Leo Kunigk, president of General Motors of Argentina, said. "Here you can come in and cap-

ture market share and profits and not bave to take it away from anyone. The region is one of the top 10 markets in the world, and GM cannot afford not to be in all of those

General Motors left in 1978, the this market that we felt that if we cost of shutting down the two didn't get in oow, it would be too plants was estimated at as much as late to get in without a big fight." 5200 million, mainly for severance Mr. Kunigk said the relatively pay for production workers.

Motors plans to begin production high degree of automation. But the lack of automation he said will be stores spare parts for Cidea. Of the \$100 million investment, GM will put up \$80 million and Cidea \$20 million. The factory will produce Chevrolet pickup trucks selling for about \$22,000 each.

ear will be reached by 1996. M Kunigk said, adding that GM particularly for the free-trade zone chose to form a joint venture be-cause that enabled it to start pro-tiated by Brazil, Argentina, Uru-

union militancy has significantly produce locally here," Mr. Kunigk diminished in Argentina. When said. "Things are moving so fast in will be created, the plan of the four

Beginning oext year, General small number of vehicles that the plant will turn out did not justify a lack of automation, he said, will be partly offset by the high education level of the Argentinian work force, compared with other Latin American countries.

While GM's entry is significant Full production of 25,000 trucks to Argentina, there are even wider

Another drawing point is that it takes too much effort and time to cians at times question whether a governments is akin to that of the North American Free Trade Agreement, with minimal trade barriers and an effectively free flow of

> Economists point out that Mer-cosur, scheduled to go into full effect in early 1995, would be a market of 200 million people.

Mr. Knnigk said Mercosur was the main reason for GM's plan to move all its pickup-truck operations from Brazil and base them on the central Argentinian city of Cordoba, about 450 miles (730 kilome ters) northwest of Buenos Aires. From Argentina it plans to ship trucks on a duty-free basis to Braducing cars quickly.

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BOOKS: As Stores Get Bigger, They Push Independents Out of Business

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Chicago is an extreme example, but the bookstore wars are being

utive of Crown Books, says, "We're a free-market economy; that's the nature of the beast."

Strategies vary from chain to chain, with Barnes & Noble promising that each of its stores will reflect its community and Crown seeking a McDonald's-like uniformity from store to store ly, taking the example of retailers Leonard Riggio, chairman and

announced plans for a stock offer-ing, has already opened 170 super-The independents may hiss predator," but Glenn E. Hemmerle, the chairman and chief arms. have 70 superstores by the end of January, and Borders, owned by the Kmart Corp., plans to open 45 superstores by the end of the year and 25 more next year.

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Japan Insurers' Money Stays Home Rigid Rules Keep Them Out of U.S. Bond Market

TOKYO - Japan's-rammoth life insurance companies, once mior investors in U.S. Treasury securities, havelargely missed out oo one of the most dranatic bond-market rallies in U.S. history.

At a time when U.S. boid yields are hitting record lows, Japan's insures have been only minor players in recent reasury auctions, because of what critics 53 are ontdated industry rules that slow irrestments abroad.

Additionally, Japan's isurers and other institutional investors, roked by steep declines in the value of the stock portfolios since 1989, are not in the mood to buy. "At this moment, under crrent regulations.

Japanese life insurance companies have very little reason to invest in U.S.Freasury bonds," said Taeko Murohara, a bord market analyst at Nikko Research Center n Tokyo. More than a missed invesment opportunity is at issue here. The slowown in Japanese

investment abroad is shapig up as a major cause of the yen's appreciatin. The Japanese currency is up 18 percent against the dollar over the past year. In the 1980s, a big chunk of Japan's trade surplus was recycled by Japaese institution-al investors such as life insures, who regular-

ly snapped up 30 percent \$ 40 percent of U.S. Treasury boods auctioed. This time around, though, hey are on the sidelines. So the billions o dollars being

brought back to Japan by the ation's export-ers are not being recirculated nto the global

That sets the stage for aneven stronger Japanese currency: As expoters repatriate dollar earnings into yen, life issurers are oo longer in the currency market triking a bal-

Putting a damper on insurers' dollar pur-chases is a Finance Ministry rule that says they can pay policyholders only out of "inter-est income" such as stock dividends and interest payments from bond holdings.

That is a problem, because the yield on the U.S. Treasury bond has fallen to a postwar low of 5.84 percent last week and was only slightly above that level in recent trading. Falling yields mean rising bond prices and a healthy capital gain for investors bolding the bonds. But in an example of the myriad of rules and regulations that saddle the Japanese

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economy, the Finance Ministry says insurers cannot use capital-gains earnings to meet dividend payments to policyholders.

In the beady days of the late 1980s, that rule did not matter much. High U.S. bond yields alone were enough to attract Japanese investors to the Treasury market.

They came in droves. At U.S. Treasury bond auctions, Japanese regularly bought the lico's share. Indeed, some wondered whether the U.S. had become too reliant on the Japa-nese to finance its swelling budget deficit. Today, the Japanese share of the market for

new Treasury bonds has fallen to around 5

percent, prompting the Japanese financial industry to call on regulators at home to change the rules. But in Japan, rules change slowly.

The coalition government of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa is preparing a package of measures to deregulate the economy and boost imports as a present to present to the United States this month.

Economists warn, however, that the package of measures will fall short of steps that would allow Japanese investors to recycle Japan's mammoth trade surplus through purchases of foreign bonds.

As the surplus mushroomed to recent mooths, currency market speculators have driven the yea to postwar highs against the dollar, creating a second problem for Japa-nese investors in U.S. securities.

As the dollar falls against the yen, so does the value of dollar-based investments for insurers. In the 1980s, the yield on U.S. Treasuries was high enough that Japan's investors felt the investment was worth the currency risk. Now, the yen's dramatic appreciation against the dollar means insurers can no

longer afford to ignore the currency risk, even though U.S. Treasury bond yields are still higher than Japanese bond yields. "Despite the rally in U.S. Treasuries, life insurance companies fear they will lose out on currencies," said Masahiro Kawagoe, a pen-

sion fund manager at Meisei Capital Man ment, a subsidiary of Meiji Life Insurance Co. "Already, their existing dollar-denominated assets have been battered by the yen's recent rise," he said, "With U.S. Treasury yields already so low, Japanese life insurance companies can't invest in U.S. bonds unless they are reasonably sure the dollar will rise

Regulators Seek **Evidence for** Shiseido Inquiry

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The Fair Trade Commission conducted searches Tuesday at three sales companies affiliated with Japan's largest cosmetics maker, in a move that could help open up the country's distri-bution system by discouraging

The three distributors for Shiseido Co. are suspected of violating Japan's law against monopolies by refusing to ship Shiscido products to a chain of discount stores.

Foreign companies long have complained about the difficulty of competing in Japan on the basis of price because of its rigid and complex distribution system.

The trade commission's chairman, Masami Kogayu, said its investigation was a sign of a "very large change occurring" in the distribution system, particularly for

consumer products. "I think this change is leading to a freer system," he said. "But the change is coming very suddenly, oecessitating adjustments under

the Anti-Monopoly Law."

Japan's trading partners have criticized that law as ineffective and seldom enforced. But Mr. Kogayu said Japan was entering an era of increased competition after years of concentrating on economic

He said the Aoti-Monopoly Law was "starting to take mot and be

products bave tong been sold throughout Japan at prices set by manufacturers, because of a combination of exemptions from the Anti-Monopoly Law and cootrol exerted by distributors. But the trade commission decided a few months ago to allow retailers the freedom to price some cosmetic

The discount chain, Kawachiya Ltd., started in Juoe to sell cosmetics at 25 percent to 30 percent below the prevailing national prices at eight shops in the Tokyo area.

The following month, the com-pany complained to the trade com-mission that Shiseido's distributors had stopped supplying it with cos-metics in retaliation for its pricecutting Shiseido said Kawachiya was selling goods at wholesale prices and was not offering coun-seling to customers, as Shiseido

urges its distributors to do. Kawachiya also complained that two other cosmetic makers, Kanebo Ltd. and Kao Corp., had canceled or curbed shipments as well The trade commission has not said

whether it is investigating Kanebo or Kao. (AP, Bloomberg)

Japan was now "focusing more on consumers so they can enjoy the

fruits of economic development." Cosmetics and certain other

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Airbus Industrie is threatening to sue Philippine Airlines Ltd. if it refuses delivery next year of six Airbus A340-200s, a PAL director said.

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Australian Dollar Ripe for Recovery

Australian dollar is ripe for a re- lion invested in Australian equities. -bound, according to some money

speculators have driven the currency too low too quickly. It has tumbled 7.4 perceot lts slow growth kept interest rates against the U.S. dollar since Aug. 2 low, making Australian deposits falling to almost a seven-year low of 64.30 U.S. cents in Tuesday trading and a record low of 47.1 on itstrade-weighted index, which measures the Australian currency

against a basket of currencies of the country's major trading partners. "We're in the late stages of a selloff," said Michael Perelstein, managing director for international inv-estments at MacKay-Shields Fi-

nancial Corp., which manages \$9 NEW YORK — The battered billion in pensions and has \$300 mil-

The selling came as weak commanagers and economists, who say modity prices pulled Australia's export-oriented economy into its worst slump since the Depression. less attractive.

> But Salomon Brothers Inc., in a report released last week, estimated that the Australian dollar was nodervalued by about 29 percent in

terms of purchasing-power parity. Salomon, however, remained

searish on the outlook for com-

nodity prices and warned that "the

shreholder, Li Ka-shing, would pre-fe to focus on Asia, and could sell or completely if a bid is at hand."

speculation varied on the timing

We continue to expect a sale to tale place," said Elizabeth Ham-

brent of Goldman Sachs Securi-

tie "However, it is possible that a

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tion to gauge its valuation."

possible sale.

More recently, the currency has been dragged down by concern about the government's inability to get its deficit-reducing hudget passed by Parliament. The dollar tumbled last week after oppositioo senators rejected a compromise offered by the Labor government. None of that, however, troubles

ness cannot be ruled out."

Mr. Perelstein. He went so far as to stop hedging his investments in Australia when the dollar was trading at 60 U.S. cents.

"It's usually a good idea to think about buying something when it's been falling for three years," he said. Mr. Perelstein insisted the world urrency's near-term upside is limecocomy was on the mend, and

with it commodity prices. That would be good news for Australia. ited" and that "additional weakwhich depends on raw materials for about 53 percent of its exports.

Others share his optimism, with a caveat or two. Richard Gilhooly, economist at Kidder, Peabody & Co. in London, said the Australian dollar should be trading between 68 and 70 U.S. cents.

Before it can get there, however, "commodity prices have to rise, and the budget has to get through,"Mr. Gilhooly said.

Australia's foreign-currency debt is expected to rise to 133 percent of its exports this year from 129 percent in 1992, according to

2 Jardine Food Concerns Will Merge Operations

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches HONG KONG -Two subsidiaries of Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. said they would merge their wholesale food and general supplies subsidiaries to form one of the largest trading companies of its kind supplying

Hong Kong and China. Dairy Farm Co. plans to merge its Sims Trading Co. unit with Jardine Pacific Ltd.'s Jardine Consumer Products, effective Oct. 1. Dairy Farm will own 70 percent of the new company, with Jardine Pacific holding the rest.

No money will change hands in the merger, Dairy Farm's chief executive for Asia, Chris Nelson, said.

The merged husiness will have more than 270 employees with offices in Hong Kong and four Chinese cities — Beijing. Shanghai, Guaogzhou aod Shenzhen — a Jardine Pacific

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2 Possible Buyers Seen For Hutchison Telecom

AFP-Extel News

HONG KONG - Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. is likely to self part or all of its 65 percent stake in its ambitious British telecommunicavions venture, according to anaysts, who see the recent departure of its managing director, Simon Murray, as hastening the move.

"Murray started Hutchison's overseas diversifications," one analyst with Mansion House Securities said. "It was a wrong move. He's now gone, and the focus is on China."

Hutchison has invested heavily in Hutchison Telecommunicacions (U.K.) Ltd. to develop its Personal Communications Network.

Analysts say the venture is still losing beavily, while devouring sizable amounts of fresh cash in capital investments.

Before his departure Mr. Murray conceded that the U.K. operation faces significant losses, though he decribed an analyst's forecast that the U.K. unit's annual loss will reach 1.15 billion Hong Kong dollars as "a little pessimistic." That amount is equivalent to \$149 million.

Deutsche Bundespost Telecom and Telestra OTC, an Australian telecommunications operator, are the most frequently mentiooed prospective buyers of all or part of the Hutchison stake, analysts said. British Aerospace PLC, the other

main shareholder in the venture, is also believed to have put its stake on the market, they said. Analysts said Bundespost Telecom is the more likely buyer of

Hutchison's interests, though the

deal may not be done quickly, given the difficulty of valuing the venture. "Hutchison is likely to take more than one partner," another analyst said, "and would be likely to retain as much as a 40 percent stake in the project, although the controlling

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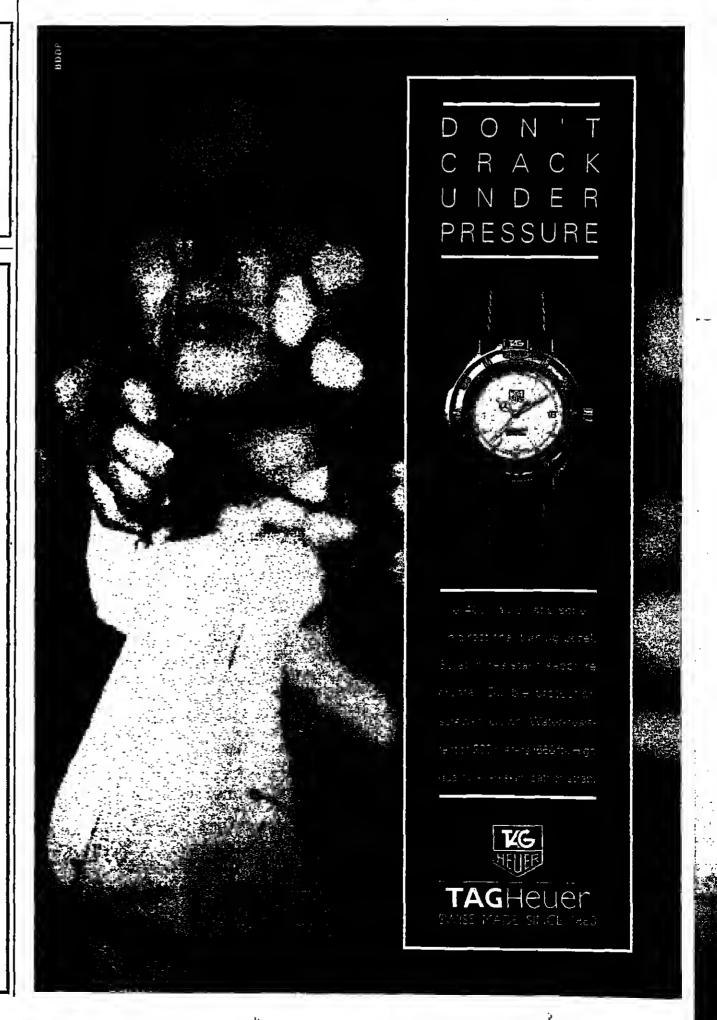
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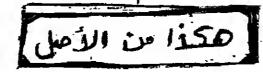
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TOKYO: Shrinkage in GNP Casts Doubt

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Japan's economic bubble three years ago. The annualized 2.0 percent contraction in GNP for the April-June quarter reinforced the perception that Japan's economy had moved into a lower gear. The Economic Planning Agency blamed sluggishness in consumer spending and capital investment and a slowdown in exports due to the high yen.

The economy is dragging at rock bottom.

the agency's deputy minister. Tsutomu Tanaka, said. But he said the government held to its scenario that the economy would recover over the next six months.

Private-sector economists disagreed, saving gross national product in the July-September quarter was likely to contract further, postponing hopes of recovery until mid-1994, "It's a continuous, prolonged recession, made worse by the recent strengthening of the ven." Ms. Sasaki-Smith said. She predicted that Japan's

GNP would register no growth in the fiscal year through next March. The political risks of the slowdown were reinforced as the Finance Ministry reported that Japan's trade surplus rose 7.5 percent in August, compared with August 1992. 10 \$7.54 billion. Consumers Boost Citi

Reuters

NEW YORK - Citicorp is likely to report record global consumer banking profits in 1993, earning "substantially more than it did in 1992, the consumer banking chief, Pei-yuan Chia, said Tuesday, "1993 looks like it's going to be a record year again," Mr. Chia said. The global consumer bank earned \$941 million in

consumer bank earned \$941 million in 1992. He said Citicorp's mortgage problems were substantially behind it, credit cards strong, and branches doing well, especially in New York

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SPORTS 5

Browns Permit Defeat of 49ers

By Thomas George

New York Times Service CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Browns found a rare formula for beating the San Francisco to play catcb-up.

That's what happened here before 78.218 spectators in Cleveland Stadium as the Browns toppled the 49ers. 23-13. Monday night in a game filled with San Francisco mis-

"It's premature to say this establishes us as one of the premier teams, but I'm a lot more optimistic about this team than I've been in the past," said linebacker Clay

Steve Young threw three inter-ceptions and fumbled once. In the second half, the 49ers had one field goal blocked and then botched another when holder Klaus Wilmsmeyer couldn't handle the snap.

ciently on offense and did not commit a turnover. The 49ers finished with 396 yards (about 362 meters) of offense - and few points to

Cleveland leads the National Football League in turnover differ- four games. ential with a plus-8 and thus far is the only team that has not committed a turnover this season.

After leading the 49ers by 20-13 battle in the third quarter, outscor-ing the 49ers by 3-0. Both teams

managed long drives in the that period to set up field goal attempts. San Francisco's 37-yard kick by Mike Cofer was blocked by defensive end Rob Burnett, 6 feet, 4 49ers: Grab an early lead, then watch the 49ers self-destruct trying his kick form 33 yards with 58 seconds left in the quarter. That gave Cleveland a 23-13 lead entering the

> Cleveland was effective at keep-away in the third quarter. It held the ball for 11 mioutes, 5 seconds. the 49ers for only 3:55.

The Browns' defense, in the first half, gave new meaning to the bend-but-don't-break philosophy. The 49ers raced up and down the field but only once reached the end zooe. Cleveland, however, produced its most first-half points since getting 31 in an early December game two years ago in India-

neyer couldn't handle the snap.

The Browns moved the ball efficiently on offense and did not comthey learned that the injury to his right knee is a moderate tear of the medial collateral ligament that won't require surgery and likely will sideline him for no more than

After a game Sunday in Philadel-phia, the Redskins have the first of two open dates in a five-week stretch, and Rypien said his goal is at halftime, the Browns won the to return for an Oct. 4 Monday night game in Miami three weeks



(WP) The 49ers' Steve Young made a nice sandwich filling for Rod Burnett (90) and Stevon Moore.

BASEBALL

Let the Glad Song Begin

B UDAPEST — When Manchester United takes the field in Bozsik Stadium on Wednesday night. it will be for the first time in a quarter of a century as England's representative in the European Champion's

And the famous Manchester Reds will take the field against a club that, throughout history, has been their equal and more.

Between Kispest Honved and Manchester United, we look in hope for something more important than victory or defeat. We search for the soul of soccer, for that old feeling that two once-evocative powers of the game can start to erase the stigma of the Marseille

While Olympique Marseille continues to claim that it has been victim-

ized — and unless Rob and until there is proof established Hughes pefore a judicial

hearing it can - complete faith in the game is scarcely

Heaven knows, Hungary had many match-fixing scandals of its own a couple of seasons ago. So to look here for purity would be to adopt the philosophy of the ostrich. Yet, to anyone of middle or advanced age, Budapest has a place in history, and in the heart. ft was here, built around five players from the Honved club, that arguably the finest team Europe ever saw was groomed

Budapest is yet another place to which the English took their football back in the last century. A British athletics coach, Harry Perry, began the craze at the Kispest Athletic Club, and that became the forerunner of Housed long before the Hungarian Army took control. Hence, once Communism dissolved here, the club reverted to the name Kispest Hooved. But memories in sports are built oo flesh and blood

and movement, and not by stadiums or associations. And the Magical Magyars of the early 1950s became the pupils who destroyed the myth of invincibility about their tutors. With Serenc Puskas, oow 66 and recently returned to Budapest, the Hungarian team of that era had a captain, a maestro, and an astonishingly portly figure.

And around him players such as Zolton Czibor, Sandor Kocsis and Jozsf Bozsic. They bamboozled the English masters of the day. In 1953, those Hungarians destroyed the English at Wembley, scoring 6 goals to 3. It was the first time England had ever lost in its shrine.

Within a year, Hungary enticed England to Buda-pest, and beat that team, 7-1. The shock to the whole of the soccer world, the humiliation of England, became

lost in statistics as the Magyars won 43 of 51 matches against foreign opposition between 1950 and 1955.

Puskas & Co. had the skill and improvisation of the Latin, and were prepared to find enough of the runming and the effort of the British style to overcome all. But with the Hungarian uprising of 1956, the team disintegrated, the music in Budapest became a memo-

ry, and the history of the European game changed. Puskas, who was to score 83 goals in 84 international matches, did so despite a body that was often overweight because of a penchant for beer, and did so with his left foot. Yet, because of his strength of personality, his wiles and his improvisation, he helped to shake the rigidity from the game. And when he left Howed for Real Madrid, it coincided with the first years of the Champions' Cup. Puskas and the Argen-tine Alfredo di Stefano, playing in the white shirts of the Spanish club, made that team one of the greatest in memory. So it was Real Madrid which dominated the first half-decade of European club football, and Honved which looked on from afar, never knowing what might have been had the team stayed together here where it was born.

H CONVED TODAY is no longer a world beater.

True, it won the Hungarian league championship.

But in common with most clubs in Eastern Europe, if it had any Puskases in embryo they would soon be sold to the likes of Manchester United to prevent bankruptcy from sauffing out soccer teams living from hand to mouth across the former Soviet Union.

It will be the Hungarians who, Wednesday night, come wide-eyed and hopeful of catching glimpses of the overseas stars who, across all barriers, are bousehold names. The wandering of Puskas is reflected in Manchester United's French forward, the enigmatic Eric Cantona. Last Saturday. Cantona did something quite breathtaking, something with the improvisational skill Hungarians especially covet.

Playing in London, he sensed that Chelsea's Demitri Kharm was out of position after the Russian goalkeeper rushed foreward to head the ball clear. With his back to the goal, fully 45 meters out, Cantona suddenly swireled, caught the ball with his feet about shoulder high and dispatched it over the heads of all

the Chelsea defenders. It bounced to front of the goal, rose up and struck the underside of the crossbar. Only that piece of woodwork deprived Cantona of the goal of a lifetime.

He, together with Ryan Giggs, United's 19-year-old Welsh winger, are the special talents that Hungarians will watch on Wednesday, and think of that time when they had such astonishing individuals.

"Just as a virtuoso can play the piano in an auditorium in Tokyo or a village io Spain." Puskas once said, "a great footballer will display his talents io any setting." And that musical analogy echoed down the years last Saturday when Cantona, speaking not of his talent but in in admiration of a resurgent 35-year-old. English opponent, Glenn Hoddle, observed that "he was the first Mozart of football."

Like Cantona, like Puskas, indeed like Mozart, the artists of the sporting field often travel on a single name. On Wedoesday, Romario, the irascible but prolific Brazilian goal scorer, will make his debut in the European Champions' Cup for his latest club, Barcelona, as it takes on Dynamo Kiev in Ukraine.

The \$4 million Barcelona invested to Romario demonstrates the high expectation surrounding this diminutive but inspirational striker. And no sooner will his plane land on the return from Kiev, than he will sprint across the airport io Barcelona and catch another flight to Rio de Janiero.

He is wanted, at loog, long last, by his own nation, Brazil. The Brazilians, who never before have failed to reach a World Cup finals, has to at least draw against Uruguay in Sunday's final match of the South American qualifiers. Late, but perhaps not too late, Carlos Alberto Parreira has acquiesced to public demand, and to logic, and called up the best goal scorer from Brazil. His objections to Romario concern a lack of discipline and the accusation that Romario's independent spirit does oot help team harmony. Team harmony? It comes, the old Hungarians will tell you, from the life blood of virtuosos.

Rate Hughes is on the staff of The Tunes.

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Whitaker Protests Draw

NEW YORK (AP) - Pernell Whitaker's promoter. Dan Duva, said Tuesday he had protested his fighter's controversial draw with Julio Cesar Chavez based on remarks by British judge Mickey Vann about Friday Anight's WBC welterweight title bout.

Vann was quoted by The Star of London as saying

"I deducted a point from Whitaker for an appallingly low blow in the sixth round. The referee did not issue an official warning, but I took the point away from

Referce Joe Cortez of Las Vegas, the only official permitted under the rules to take a poiot away, did not penalize Whitaker. The one-point difference on Vann's scorecard would have given Whitaker a majority decision.

Sevilla Blocks Maradona

SEVILLE (Reuters) - The Spanish club Sevilla said Tuesday it had blocked the transfer of Diego. Maradona to Newell's Old Boys of Argentina.

The team's vice-president, José Maria del Nido, said Sevilla had refused to facilitate the move because of Maradona's failure to fulfil his contract last year and

the economic damage be caused the club.

The Cup Winners' Cup match between Hajduk Split and Ajax Amslerdam, ordered moved from Croatia because of renewed fighting between government forces and Serb rebels, will be played Friday evening in Slovenia, UEFA said Tuesday,

For the Record

Maketo Suzuki of Japan, an 18-year-old pitcher, has been signed by the Scattle Mariners to a minor-

league contract.

Patrick Roy, the goaltender who led the Montreak
Canadiens to the Stanley Cup title io June, signed affour-year contract worth \$16 million to become one of
the NHL's highest-paid players.

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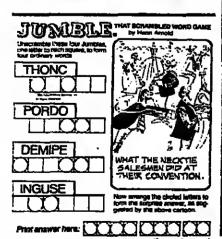
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• Peter Gammons of the Bostoo Globe on Nolan Ryan: "He has been around so long, he was once on 'The Ed Sullivan Show."

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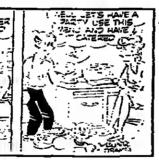


















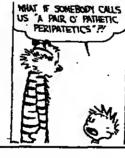






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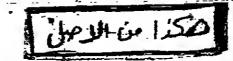






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Griffey and Gonzalez In Good Company Yankees Gain in AL East

The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. and Juan Gonza-lez aren't 24 years old yet, and already have reached marks set by some of baseball's greats.

Griffey's sacrifice fly in the first aning Monday night put him in the record book with Gonzalez and Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Ty Cobb and Mel Ott as the only players to record three consecutive 100-RBI seasons before their 24th birthday.

Gonzalez hit a career-high 44th home run, one more than last season, as the Texas Rangers routed the visiting Cleveland Indians, 12-1, to close to 21/2 games of the

AL ROUNDUP

American League West-leading Chicago White Sox. The White Sox lost at Kansas City, now in third place, five games back.

There were changes in the AL East, too. New York won in Milvaukee to move into second place. 1/2 games behind the idle Toronto Blue Jays, while the Baltimore Orioles dropped to 2 games out with a

"A lot of guys don't get to the major leagues until they're 21, and I bad the advantage coming in at 19," said Griffey, who also hit his 41st homer as the visiting Seattle Mariners beat the California An-

He will be 24 on Nov. 21. Rookie Rich Amaral's three hits paced a 14-hit Seattle attack that made it easy for Chris Bosio to win his fifth straight decision. The right-bander allowed four hits in eight innings, striking out six. Rob Ducey, who has 43 fewer

nomers than Gonzalez this year, got the Rangers started with a basesempty shot in the third inning. Gonzalez, who had three hits,

added a two-run homer later in the inning. He turns 24 on Oct. 16 and now has 113 RBIs. Rafael Palmeiro added a sixth-

inning homer, his 36th, and Dean Palmer hit a bases-empty homer in the seventh, his 29th. It was the first time this season

that Gonzalez, Palmeiro and Palmer had homered in the same game. But their 109 are the most hit by three players on the same team since Henry Aaron, Darrell Evans and Dave Johnson hit 124 for At-

Kevin Brown won his third consecutive start, pilching a six-hitter for his major league-tying 11th

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Key matched a career high with his zinc.

17th victory, holding Milwaukee to four hits in six innings, as New York regained second place.

The Yankees scored twice in the third when Wade Boggs and Danny Tartabull hit RBI singles. Lee Smith got the last four outs for his first save for New York and

the 399th of his career. It was his

44th save overall this year. Red Sox 6, Orioles 4: Boston got four walks and three hits in a fourrun sixth, canceling a 4-0 lead built on homers by Harold Baines and Chris Hoiles. The Red Sox had lost

five straight at bome. Tim Nachring, who has 15 hits in his last 29 at-bats, gave Boston a 5-4 lead with a two-run single. Brad Pennington replaced Mark Williamson and walked Mo Vaughn and Rob Deer, making it 6-4.

Royals 9, White Sox 0: Kevin Appier held Chicago to two hits in seven innings as Kansas City won-its fifth straight with the help of a three-run homer by Felix Jose.

Mark Gubicza finished up, allowing two hits, as he and Appier handed the White Sox their 13th shutout this season.

Athletics 7, Twins 2: Dave Winfield got his 2,997th major league hit, a home run leading off the seventh at the Metrodome, but it was not nearly enough to beat Oak-



Catcher Chris Holles got the ball too late to tag Bob Melvin as the Orioles blew a 4-0 lead in Boston.

Slumping Giants Choked By Cubs' 4 Double Plays

The shump-ridden San Francisco

Giants have found a new way to lose: the double play. The team that leads the National

League in double plays hit into four against the Chicago Cubs, who dealt the Giants their sixth straight loss, 6-5, Monday in San Francisco. "The double plays were killing us every time we got a rally going or something going," said the Giants' manager, Dusty Baker. "We hit the

ball bard all night long. We couldn't find the hole we needed." Shortstop Jose Vizcaino started three of the double plays and drove in four runs for the Cubs, who have won 9 of their last 11. Despite geting two homers from Robby Thompson, the Giants dropped 1½ games behind the idle Atlanta Braves in the West in losing for the

13th time in 19 games. The Cubs choked off San Francisco threats in the fourth, seven and eighth innings with double plays. And in their last two games, the Giants have hit into seven while not turning one themselves.

For their first victory of the season at Candlestick Park, the Cubs broke open a 3-2 game with three runs in the seventh off reliever Kevin Rogers. A double by Derrick May scored Ryne Sandberg from game with a dislocated finger on his right hand after colliding with

Sammy Sosa was intentionally walked, and the runners moved up on a wild pitch. With two out, Steve Buechele was walked to load the bases, and Vizcaino came through with a double into the left-field corner, scoring two runs.

Baker said there seemed to be nothing he could tell his players to bring them out of their funk.
"What's going 10 get you out of it

is some timely hits and some key

NL ROUNDUP

plays and some pitches at the right time," he said. "You can talk all you want to, but it's on the field where you're going to get out of it."
Besides getting the double plays,
the Cubs thwarted the Giants by picking off two runners with fewer than two outs. But it was the twin killings that really burt.

In the fourth, Matt Williams and Barry Bonds hit one-out singles, but Willie McGee grounded into a double play. Bonds and McGee started the seventh with back-toback singles, but this time Bonds was able to score when Royce Clay-

ton hit into a double play.

Pinch-hitter Dave Martinez led
off the eighth with a double and Will Clark followed one out later with a one-out single, but once again the inning ended with a double play,

stra and Darren Daulton hit RBI singles while Tommy Greene, who had had six no-decisions in his seven previous starts, scattered six hits in New York.

The first-place Phillies picked up a half-game ou idle Montreal in the NL East race and now lead the

Expos by 5% games.

Greene struck out six and walked one in his seventh complete game and second shntout of the

Earlier, the Mets' third baseman, Bobby Bonilla, underwent successful arthroscopie surgery on rup-tured ligaments in his left shoulder. He is expected to be at full strength

Padres 4, Dodgers 3: Phil Plan-tier bit his 30th homer of the season in the 11th to give San Diego, playing at home, its victory over Los

• The game between the Houston Astros and Colorado Rockies was postponed after the metropolitan Denver area received from one to three inches of snow, with forecasts calling for additional snow-

The temperature fell below freezing during the night but was forecast to climb into the 60s Tuesday. The high temperature Sunday in Denver was 92 degrees Fahrenheit

Karts: The Big-Time Little Machines

By Brad Spurgeon International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Alain Prost, Ayrton Senna, Michael Schumacher, Riccardo Patrese, Alessandro Zanardi, Jean Alesi and Michael Andretti have something in com-

mon besides driving Formula One races. They were all champion go-kart racers. Yes, those little four-wheelers powered by lawn mower engines that have become, pecially in Europe, a sort of training school for future Grand Prix drivers.

lt's a sport that, if not well known on sports pages, has its own world champi-onship, which, with drivers from 24 countries, begins Friday and runs through Sunday in Laval, France.

Patrese won the world championship in 1974. Senna was runner-up in 1979 and 80. Prost was the French and European champion in 73, and the French champion in '74 and '75. Zanardi was the European champion in '87, while Schumscher still drives karts for fun when he's not

to learn racing." Schumacher said in a Yankees 3, Brewers 1; Jimmy June interview with Top Karting maga-

The karting world championship, which debuted in 1964, is run in a different country every year. This week they are revving up at Laval, about 280 kilometers west of Paris. Laval is also about 80 kilometers west of Le Mans, which in addition to its other endurance race holds an annual 24 hours of Le Mans race in karting.

The origin of karting, as it is now universally known to its adherents, is in dispute. Some say it sprang into existence in the 1950s after a bunch of lawn mower engines were mistakenly sent to a U.S. Air Force base, where the airmen welded together some tubular frames, smck on tires and the engines, and were saved from mowing for another day.

It is agreed that go-karts were born in the U.S. of A. But despite the founding in 1957 of the Go Kart Club of America, which set the first standards for racing, the sport was taken more seriously when it came to Europe. Jean-Marie Balestre, credited with introducing karting to France in 1960, later became the head of the Interna-

and are truly international. Only one American has ever become world champion. That was Lake Speed, in 1978. He later went on to a career in NASCAR, both racing and running his own team.

As sports go, karting is as democratic as any, open to anyone mad enough to save up allowance money. In some categories, karts can cost no more than about \$2,000. On the other hand, it is serious business: In the 250cc-motor class, karts hit speeds of 125 miles per hour (200 kph) and are raced on automobile tracks. Even the main categories use 100cc and 125cc two-stroke engines for racing at about 65 mph. In the 125cc category, the karts sometimes even have gearboxes.

Most serious contenders have been racing since they were able to ride a bicycle. Andretti. for example, started at 9 years of age, and now the first official category is for 7-year-olds. But that does not preclude Walter Mitty from seeking a quick fix of intense sensations on a weekend. Top Karting's driver of the month in July Today, the world championships are operated under the auspices of the Inter-on in the 70s and still races in the 250cc national Karting Federation and FIA, category. Petenil is 58 years old.



166) and Olivier Fiorucci of France, two of the favorites for this weekend's world championships, at the Belgian Grand

of Belgium (No.

The biggest international event of the season is the world championship. But, across Europe, races of many other categories and kinds are held year- round and a Grand Prix circuit travels from country to country.

karring were at an incredibly high level," Schumaker said, "maybe the most difficult races I've ever done."

In France alone, there are more than 13,000 licensed drivers — compared to fewer than 10,000 in North America and 280 clubs, 17 regional leagues, 90 permanent circuits and 200 occasional ones, with about 400 races a year.

tracks, about 380 races are held each year. Following the world championships, real world champion is.

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Dead in Miami

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — In Miami on Wednesday a visitor from Germany began his Florida vacation by being shot to death driving to his hotel. It happened after a van rammed his car from the rear a few times, apparently as a signal for him to pull over and be robbed.

To Florida's credit, the visitor had been warned of this local custom. While the ramming was going on, his wife was reading him instructions from an official pamphlet on how to save your valuables and possibly your life in this very

The instructions said: Do not pull over. Uwe-Wilhelm Rakebrand, for that was the visitor's name, followed the advice and did not pull over. This must have vexed the van's occupants exceedingly. for it pulled alongside Rakebrand and one of those shot him to death.

Florida has lately had a bad press suggesting that foreign tourists are especially attractive to the shine State's more murderous felons, yet only eight such tourists have been killed in the past year. Yes, "only eight" sounds callous when we speak of the murdered. but by American murder standards eight is a trifling number.

Frank Zahn, manager of a Berlin agency specializing in travel to Florida, was quoted in The New York Times saying, "There is al-most no country in the world where

a tourist is absolutely safe."
In short, no big deal, FBI statistics for 1990 bear out this insouciant view. Thus, Florida with a population of 13 million had a murder rate of 10.7 people per 100,000, which comes to 1,391 victims. This was modest carnage compared with New York's. There people were being murdered at the rate of 14.5 per 100,000.

This gave New York, with its population of 18 million, some 2,600 murders, nearly twice as many as Florida. This is arresting only because New Yorkers, like nany Americans doped on too auch television melodrama, tend to think of Florida as the home office of the modern gunslinger.

Actually, that distinction probaoly belongs to Washington D.C., where the murder rate for 1990 was

77,8 per 100,000. There, too, a foreign tourist was murdered a few months ago. He was English. Riding the subway, he apparently missed his stop, got off in an unfa-miliar neighborhood and was

found murdered in an alley. In Washington it is amazingly easy to get shot, often fatally, for deeds far less outrageous than getting off at the wrong subway stop. Just the other day a youthful pistolero was in the news there for the more or less random shooting of five people in a dance hall on account of someone's bumping him on the dance floor.

Washington may be the nation's capital, but better not let the dance floor feel your leather unless you're as smooth as Fred Astaire, While eschewing the dance in the nation's capital, better keep your radio turned off, too.

Another Washington case shows why: Car One stops at a traffic light. Windows open. Radio playing inside. Car Two pulls alongside. Passenger in Car Two aims pistol at driver of Car One, a complete stranger, and kills him. Why? "I didn't like his music," murderous passenger tells police.

A high school football player from a neighborhood famous for shonting told The Washington Post the other day: "The biggest thing everybody is looking for is respect on the streets. It isn't money. They are just trying to make sure you respect them. People are just pushing each other to the maximum to get respect. And the maximum is death." We can only speculate whether Rakebrand's Miami murderers thought his refusal to pull over constituted a lack of respect deserving death. It seems likely, since after murdering him they

didn't pause for robbery. It's a sign of the American decline that eight tourists murdered in Florida capture national headlines when the thousands and thousands of Americans routinely murdered cause such little splash.

It reverses the old joke about American narcissism ("Two Americans Injured as Asia Earthquake Kills 200,000"). When it comes to murder, it's now Americans who

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In a Small Room: A Painter's Last Hours

By Stephens Broening
International Flerald Tribune

UVERS-SUR-OISE, France - Adeline Ravoux was A only 12 when Vincent van Gogh died in an upstairs room at her father's inn here, having exhibited what the painter's friend Dr. Paul Gachet called "the sovereign disdain that he felt for life." Gachet and the other village physician, Joseph Mazery, judged that medical interven-tion was useless for the gunshot wound in van Gogh's stomach and, besides, Vincent was determined to do It again if they gave him the chance.

So, for nearly 30 hours the Ravoux family kept a death watch for their favorite boarder. Dreadful for the father, Arthur Gustave Ravoux, 42, because he had lent van Gogh the pistol. Horrible for the girl, because Monsieur Vincent was always kind to her and had had her sit for a portrait with a nice blue background. Her recollections, summoned many years later, provide important details about the painter's last days, days that for her had im-

mense gravity.

Van Gogh spent only a short time in Auvers. But from an artistic standpoint it was almost obsessively produc-tive. Seventy canvases in 70 days. Reclining on one elbow alongside the languid river Oise. Anvers offered the peace and northern light that van Gogh wanted after two and a half years in Provence, the last 12 months of which he was confined to an insane asylum. Camille Pissarro had been right to recommend Auvers, for its beauty and for Dr. Gachet, who as a collector (and small-gauge painter) would appreciate and encourage van Gogh's work and who as a physician might comprehend Vincent's vast

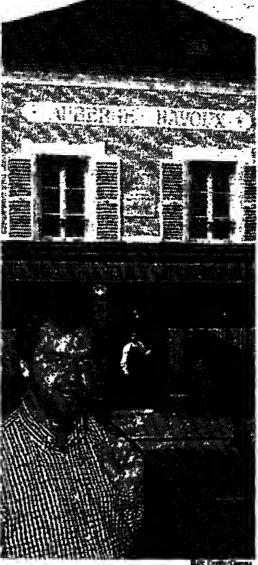
About what pushed Vincent to suicide then, at the age of 37, there are a dozen hypotheses. He himself never said. The most he told his brother Théo, in whose arms he would die, was, "This is how I would like to go." As for Adeline, she was concerned at the time less with motive than with the scary groons from the third-flonr chamber and the rude visit of two gendarmes, who insisted on questioning the suspect. Vincent had broken the law by trying to kill himself. His calm defense was, "Whatever did is nobody's business. I am free to do what f want with my body." All this while sitting up in bed smoking his

Ravoux volunteered that it was he who had furnished the pistol because of Vincent's complaint that flocks of crows were a distraction as he painted in the fields above the village. (The pistol, never found, thus may have played a part in the brooding double-square canvas that some think may have been his last and somehow prefigured his death: "Crows Over the Wheat Field.") Van Gogh declined to corroborate Rayoux's confession.

Vincent had been a model lodger up to then. He rose at daybreak and was usually in bed by 9. With the 150 francs a month that Theo provided, Vincent kept current on his room and board, a cost of 3.50 francs a day. In contrast to the dissolution of the Paris and Arles years, he barely

drank. He was punctual for meals, So his missed dinner on Sunday July 27, 1890, was all the more remarkable. Shortly after 9, at nightfall, van Gogh returned to the inn, staggering a little. On the outside of his buttoned jacket he held one hand to his stomach as with the other he grasped the rail of the billiard table for support.
What's the matter? Ravoux asked. "Oh, nothing. I have

hurt myself." Vincent climbed the two flights of stairs to his room. The Rayouxs called Drs. Gachet and Mazery. A



Janssens in front of his Auberge Rayoux.

letter was carried to Theo in Paris, 40 kilometers (25 miles) and an hour's train ride away. "I believe it is your duty to come in the event of any complications," Gachet wrote to

Theo arrived on the next train and afterward scarcely left his brother's side. He wrote a short letter to his wife. "How I wish we could give him faith in life," be said. At 1:30 in the morning of the 29th, Vincent died. The death certificate, signed by Theo, Ravoux and the mayor,

Alexandre Caffin, cited no cause of death, A coffin was made by the carpenter Vincent Levert, bastily and not well, according to Anton Hirschig, a young Dutch painter who bad the room next to Vincent's in the

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For the funeral the next day, the closed casket was set on the billiard table, covered by a simple white cloth and surrounded with masses of yellow blossoms. Dr. Gachet brought a bouquet of sunflowers. The walls of the inn were bring with Vincent's paintings. Because the death was a suicide, Henri Tessier, 44, the curé of Auvers, refused to let the mourners use the parish hearse. Across the river, in Méry, they found a less dogmane priest. In mid-afternoon Vincent's body was carted uphill to the cemetery amid the wheat fields he loved.

Théo was inconsolable. He outlived his brother by barely six months. In 1914 his remains were brought from Holland and reburied in the Auvers cemetery, next to

As for the Ravouxs, they left Auvers in 1893. Ravoux took with him two paintings that van Gogh had given him: the portrait of Adeline and the Auvers town hall, which is just across the street from the inn. (A couple of years later. Rayoux sold both of them, for a total of 40 francs, to some foreigners passing through.)

The inn stayed open pretty much as it was, more of a place for townspeople to congregate than a shrine. Now and then artists held exhibitions there. People could visit van Gogh's room, furnished with an iron bed, a small table and a chair, but there wasn't much of a fuss. The room, whitewashed when Vincent inhabited it, fell into relative decay. Its walls became mottled with age.

Then in 1986, Dominique-Charles Janssens, a Belgian businessman operating on a recent passion for van Gogh, bought the inn for 3 million francs, Janssens has invested several times that sum to restore the inn, with a sharp eye for detail, authenticity and taste.

Now, after seven years, the Auberge Ravoux will reopen to the public on Monday. The main room on the ground floor will seat 40 for two- and three-course lunches and dinners at period tables and chairs. A hright landscape mural, uncovered beneath several layers of paint, is the main decoration. In the courtyard behind the inn, Janssens has had built what he calls a guinguette that will serve brasserie-style meals; it can seat 100.

Upstairs on the second floor, Janssens has installed a book shop, stocked with books and posters having to do with van Gogh and art. But he also will offer books on wine, as a reminder that Rayoux was principally a wine

On the third floor, Janssens has done a minimalist restoration of Vincent's room. It is small - 3.2 meters (10.5 feet) along one side, 2.86 meters along the other and dark (with a single skylight window, about twice the size of a telephone book, in the slanting roof). It is easy to understand why Vincent preferred to work outdoors. The walls have been preserved in the state of dilapidation they were found, even to the point of injecting silicone to stabilize the cracks. The furniture has been removed, allowing the viewer to fill the chamber with his imagina-

Next door, however, Hirschig's room has been furnished. And next to that is a small auditorium where a 9minute viden on van Gogh's time in Auvers will be displayed to the five visitors at a time who will be allowed to mount the stairs.

The entrance fee to the inn is 25 francs; for students and senior citizens, 15 francs. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. Van Gogh's room, the video display and bookstore are open seven days a week from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. The restaurants are open until 11 P.M.

PEOPLE

Jackson Tours Kremlin And Moscow Shops

Is Michael Jackson thinking of changing his look? In Moscow for a concert on Wednesday, the singer toured the Kremlin museum and then went shopping, buying a bronze 19th-century statue, several paintings, books and a Russian Army officer's winter coat.

William Kennedy, Pulitzer-prize winning novelist and the author most recently of "Very Old Bones," has been made an officer of the Order of Arts and Letters by French Culture Minister Jacques Toubon, П

All the anticipation of a weekend wedding for John F. Kennedy J. and Daryl Hannah was for naugh. Rumors were rampant that the purported groom's mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, was going to hold a lavish reception at the Long Island. New York, home of his aunt, Lee Radziwill, but it hasn't happened. Another Kennedy is keeping the ball rolling, however. According to The Boston Globe. Edward Kennedy Jr., 31, the son of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, will be married Oct. 10 to Katherine Anne Gershman, a psychiatrist.

Actor William Hurt's wife, Heidi. wants out, and the divorce proceedings may end up being as nasty as Hurt's 1989 palimony battle with Sandra Jennings. Hurt already had hooped over to Heidi when his battle with Jennings began, and in 1982 he left the actress Mary Beti-Hurt after telling ber that Heidi was about to have his child. Now rumor has it that the actress Sandrine Bounsire is expecting Hurt's child next month. Stay tuned.

Robert McC. Adams, 67, is re-signing as head of the Smithsonian Institution next year to return to university research.

Patrick Sabatier, a French television personality, was given a four-year suspended prison sentence and fined 250,000 francs (\$50,000) for concealing 5 million francs in personal income.

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